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**Fanfani asked to form new cabinet**  
ONFOW. 16 (R) — President Sandro Pertini Tuesday asked veteran Christian Democrat Amintore Fanfani to form a new government following the resignation of Giovanni Spadolini's coalition last Saturday, a presidential spokesman announced.  
Fanfani, reserved his right to accept the offer pending further consultation with political leaders.  
If Fanfani succeeds to forming a new government it would mean a return to power of the Christian Democrat Party which has dominated political scene here for the past 36 years.  
Fanfani citing "considerable difficulties" Tuesday said he wanted to examine the situation in parliament before accepting President Pertini's request to form a new government.  
Fanfani must first assure himself of the "meaningful parliamentary collaboration" required to replace the five-party center-left coalition of Spadolini who resigned Saturday.  
Observers here noted that Italian political leaders turned to the president to put together new governments traditionally opposed acceptance until they have carried out parliamentary consultations.  
Fanfani, the 74-year-old Christian Democrat who has been premier four times, earlier expressed his "gratitude" to Pertini for having offered him the chance "to participate in the effort to serve the country."

**Top German terrorist held**  
KARLSRUHE, West Germany, Nov. 16 (AFP) — Christian Klar, said to be one of the most wanted terrorists in West Germany, was arrested near Hamburg Tuesday, federal police announced here. Klar, aged 30, was arrested during a massive police anti-terrorist swoop. Police caught him digging an underground arms dump in woodland outside Hamburg. A spokesman said a second man escaped into woodland near the village of Friedrichsruh and was being hunted by special police.  
Klar is regarded by police as the head of the extreme left-wing "Red Army Faction" (RAF), better known abroad as the Baader-Meinhof group.  
Klar is suspected of involvement in the killing of state prosecutor Siegfried Buback, banker Jürgen Ponto and Hans Martin Schleyer, president of the West German employers' federation, in 1977.  
His capture follows the arrest last Thursday of two leading members of the Red Army.

**Focus on cementing ties**  
**Andropov, Bush confer**  
MOSCOW, Nov. 16 (AP) — Yuri V. Andropov, the new Soviet Communist Party chief, told U.S. Vice President George Bush during a 30-minute Kremlin meeting that he was prepared to "build relations" with the United States.  
Bush, talking to reporters Monday after the exchange, spoke of the "difficult problems that confront us." However, he said at the airport prior to his departure from Moscow that the "challenges, while enormous, are far from insurmountable" and described his meeting with Andropov as "frank, cordial (and) substantive."  
Neither the report of the meeting issued by the Soviet news agency Tass nor Bush revealed what topics were discussed. It was the highest-level contact between the two superpowers since June 1979 when the late President Leonid I. Brezhnev and former U.S. President Jimmy Carter signed the SALT-II Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty in Vienna.  
It was also the first major meeting between officials of the two countries since Andropov was selected Friday to succeed Brezhnev as party leader. Brezhnev died last Wednesday of a heart attack at age 75.  
According to Tass, Andropov told Bush that the Kremlin was "prepared to build relations with the United States on the basis of full equality, non-interference, mutual respect for the interests of the peoples of both nations and the improvement of the international situations."  
Earlier Monday, during his eulogy to Brezhnev from atop Lenin's Mausoleum, Andropov said the Soviet Union is "always ready for honest, equal and mutually beneficial cooperation with any state that is willing to cooperate."  
However, he coupled that with the warning that the Soviet union was prepared to deal "a crushing rebuff" to any aggressor.  
Also participating in the Kremlin meeting Monday were Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, U.S. Ambassador Arthur Hartman and Andrei Alexandrov, an Andropov aide.

**Opposition leads in Brazil**  
RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 16 (AFP) — The opposition Democratic Movement Party (PMDB) took an early lead Tuesday in counting in Brazil's first free election for 18 years.  
Monday some 58 million people went to the polls to elect governors, deputies, senators, mayors and councilors in the country's 22 states.  
First returns put the PMDB ahead in the states of Parana, Sao Paulo, Minas Gerais, Goias, Bahia, Espírito Santo and, surprisingly, in Rio de Janeiro where all observers had predicted victory for another opposition candidate, the Popular Labor Party (PTB) leader Leonel Brizola.  
While it was still too early to tell if the tendency in these early returns would continue, it seemed certain that the election was turning into a duel between the Social Demo-

**Beirut hints at pullout parley**  
BEIRUT, Nov. 16 (Agencies) — Negotiations for the evacuation of foreign troops from Lebanon could begin as early as Thursday, the day U.S. special Middle East Envoy Philip Habib is expected to return here, Lebanese sources said Tuesday.  
An authorized Lebanese source said the long-awaited talks could open this week in a hotel at the southern edge of the capital as Israel had accepted the composition of the Lebanese delegation put forward by the Lebanese government.  
The two countries have been at loggerheads over the issue of representation, with Israel demanding that the Lebanese delegation include political and not just military officials in view of a long-term security settlement.  
Disagreements over this point had been conveyed between the two governments by U.S. envoy Morris Draper.  
Israel has also demanded that the talks be held alternatively in Beirut and Tel Aviv while the Lebanese government wanted talks to take place in the border town of Nakoura.  
An authorized Lebanese source earlier this week said he believed Lebanon would ultimately be forced to pay the price for an evacuation of Israeli troops by the acceptance of a security agreement.  
**F-15s grounded**  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (R) — The U.S. Air Force announced it has grounded 500 of its F-15 fighter planes for mechanical problems.  
The F-15, built by McDonnell Douglas, is the air force's chief air-superiority fighter.  
Air Force officials said the fighters were grounded for inspections after trouble was discovered in cylinders operating control of the plane's up and down motions. But they said they expected the planes to be back in operation in about a week.  
All F-15s with more than 500 hours were grounded, the officials said.

**Across two fronts**  
**Iraqi forces blunt Iranian offensives**  
BAGHDAD, Nov. 16 (R) — President Saddam Hussein of Iraq said Tuesday that his forces had crushed two big new attacks by Iran in the Gulf war.  
The official Iraqi News Agency (INA) quoted him as telling a group of soldiers being awarded medals for bravery that the attacks had been "completely destroyed" and the only Iranians to survive were those who had fled or been captured.  
The agency quoted a military spokesman as saying one of the attacks was launched Monday night in the central sector of the battlefield and the other early Tuesday morning in the southern sector.  
He said both assaults were aimed at pushing into Iraqi territory but he did not make clear whether the Iranians had in fact crossed the border at any stage.  
INA said the first assault started in the area of Mandali, the closest point on the front to Baghdad and the scene of a previous Iranian offensive last month. The agency quoted a military spokesman as saying that Iraqi forces had crushed the attack at dawn and a number of Iranian prisoners had been taken and equipment, including tanks, had been captured, INA said.  
Later, the agency reported the spokesman as saying the Iranians had mounted another attack further south in the Missan region early Tuesday. This had also been crushed but Iraqi troops were still chasing the remnants of the attacking force, the spokesman said.  
The Iraqi spokesman described the second attack as extensive and said it was directed

**Hussein briefs Mitterrand**  
PARIS, Nov. 16 (Agencies) — King Hussein of Jordan, five Arab ministers and a Palestinian official, had talks Tuesday with President Francois Mitterrand on the Arab League plan for peace in the Middle East.  
King Hussein is leading the high-level delegation on the second of a series of talks that the Arab League decided to hold with permanent members of the U.N. Security Council after adopting its plan at a summit in Fez, Morocco, in September. King Hassan of Morocco headed a delegation in talks with President Reagan last month.  
After the meeting, Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam Tuesday said "points of agreement and points of divergence" remained between the Arab peace plan and the French position.  
Faruk Kaddumi, who heads the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) political department, called the meeting with President Mitterrand "positive and fruitful."

**Saddam vows to stay on**  
BAGHDAD, Nov. 16 (AP) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Tuesday rejected Iranian demands for his downfall and vowed to remain in power even if the Gulf war "lasts another 10 years."  
In a press conference with American reporters, he also accused the United States and the Soviet Union of conspiring secretly to prolong the Gulf war.  
He inferred that the Soviets had not given up to commitments contained in a 1972 treaty of friendship with Iraq and warned his regime would not restore relations with the United States as long as it fueled the war in secret.  
"We will continue the war until the enemy respects Iraq's independence and security and does not interfere in internal matters," he said.  
"We have no other choice. The enemy has imposed war. We have tried all means, we have knocked on all doors. We have no choice but to fight."

**Poland to lift martial law soon**  
ATHENS, Nov. 16 (AP) — Poland's military leader Gen. Jaruzelski told Greek Premier Andreas Papandreu that martial law in Poland would end within two months. Greece's national news agency said in a report from Moscow.  
Jaruzelski told Papandreu that Poland's military regime was following its timetable for restoring civilian rule.

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## Fahd-Gemayel meeting affirms Saudi support

RIYADH, Nov. 16 (SPA) — Lebanese Premier Shafiq Al-Wazzan, in an interview published here Tuesday paid tribute to Saudi Arabia's "big support" in checking the Israeli aggression on Lebanon.

He also commended the Kingdom's moves that led to lifting the Israeli siege on West Beirut, stopping the brutal bombing of the capital and ensuring a ceasefire in Lebanon. The premier told *Okaz* that the Kingdom had exerted pressure at all international forums, especially on the United States, to force Israel to implement U.N. Security Council resolutions on Lebanon.

Wazzan described Saudi-Lebanese relations as excellent and said they were based on solid and true foundations.

The Kingdom had demonstrated its real friendship by adopting its well-known stand, especially in the wake of the Israeli invasion, when it provided full support for Lebanon, he

## King briefs cabinet about Gemayel visit

RIYADH, Nov. 16 (SPA) — King Fahd presided over the weekly Council of Ministers meeting here Monday night to review results of talks with Lebanese President Amin Gemayel and the recent Gulf Cooperation Council summit in Bahrain.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said after the cabinet session that ministers reviewed the results of talks between King Fahd and President Gemayel covering issues discussed between the Lebanese delegation and Saudi Arabian authorities.

Talks with President Gemayel were "constructive and marked with sincere discussions and a positive desire to help Lebanon overcome its crisis and restore its security, stability and start reconstruction," King Fahd told the ministers. "Discussions were realistic and fruitful and I reaffirmed to President Gemayel, and members of his delegation, the Kingdom's stand and its support of Lebanon."

"We affirm the absolute necessity for the withdrawal of the invading Israeli forces from Lebanon so that the country will be able to reconstruct itself and have brothers surround it with their support," King Fahd stated.

"The Palestinian question has been reviewed, in particular, under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization," the King said, adding that he expressed admiration for the Lebanese government's efforts to restore security and stability.

The council of ministers was briefed on the results of the Third GCC Summit which ended in Bahrain Nov. 11. King Fahd explained the dimensions of the fruitful results achieved by the heads of state.

added. He said his country was in need of Saudi Arabia's support in the various domains.

He affirmed that Israel would withdraw from Lebanon and said the United States was committed to ensure the pullout as pledged by President Ronald Reagan on several occasions.

Wazzan said arrangements were now being made for Israel's withdrawal from the rest of Lebanon.

Saudi Arabia has expressed readiness to help Lebanon in the political and economic field so that it may stand on its own feet, Zafar Al-Hassan, the Lebanese Ambassador here said.

In a press statement, he said the talks between King Fahd and President Gemayel covered issues of mutual interest with special attention to the Lebanese issue.

He added that the talks held in a "fraternal atmosphere" would consolidate the existing strong relations between the two countries.

Hassan described the talks as "successful" and said the Saudi-Lebanese policy would depend on joint action and coordination in the framework of an Arab policy in order to ensure the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

A number of political leaders and officials commended the results of the visit. Kamel Asaad, Lebanese Parliament speaker, affirmed the visit was a success. He said he hoped that the Kingdom's support will lead to a settlement.

### Erratum

An obvious oversight occurred on Page 2 of yesterday's issue when the word "deplores" was substituted for "implores" in the headline of a story dealing with IINA's criticism of Western media sympathies for Zionism. The error is regretted.

## U.K. information technology team meets local businessmen

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 16 — Representatives of the British Information Technology Export Organization met Monday night with Saudi Arabian businessmen during a reception here at the British Embassy.

"In Saudi Arabia, as well as the rest of the world, the fast moving pace of information technology means that buyers and systems designers often face difficulty in identifying suppliers with the right combination of skills, experience and product specification," Bill Wells, organization executive director said. "True of equipment, this challenge becomes even harder to meet when specialist services are sought."

The British Information Technology Export Organization was formed to bring together these British skills, services and products in a way most convenient and effective for its customers, providing a focus through which Britain's customers may select an organization or consortium of companies most suitable for their needs, Wells said. To this end, during the sales mission to Saudi Arabia we are presenting services and products offered by 12 British firms.

Companies represented by the mission include: Advanced Computer Services Ltd., Andrew Ronaldson Associates Ltd., Computer Technology Ltd., Coopers & Lybrand Associates Ltd., Leasco Software Ltd., Hoskyns Systems Developments Ltd., International Computers Ltd., The National Computing Center Ltd., Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co., Seicon Consultancy International Ltd., VDU Installations Ltd., and W.S. Atkins & Associates.

Wells explained that the British information technology industry is one of the world's most experienced, with revenues exceeding \$5 billion in 1980 and a rise to at least twice this figure is expected by 1985.

The broad-based industry offers a full range of products and services. One of Bri-



DELEGATION: Shown here during a Monday night reception at the British Embassy are representatives of the Information Technology Export Organization, embassy officials and businessmen. Left to right, Geoffrey Cobb, first secretary (commercial), Graham Ham, organization technical controller; Ian Grant, technical support engineer, VDU Installations Ltd.; Adel Malaika, National Computer Servicing Center; David Gore-Booth, commercial counselor; Bill Wells, executive director Information Technology Export Organization; and Terry Finney, International Computers Ltd.

tain's major strengths, according to the spokesman, is the ability to bring together hardware, software and service into total systems implementation from the small to multi-million dollar projects.

The motivation of the organization in Saudi Arabia is to help create the environment and provide information that customers need when choosing possible suppliers.

These services include interaction with British government departments and existing channels to ensure an accurate and timely response to customer requests.

British Information Technology Export Organization offers information services which make information available about companies and organizations whose activities form part of the organization and

to provide a description of the activities of each, classifying them as to product, service and market served.

The organization's advisory service provides contact with British suppliers, ensuring that enquiries are properly understood and followed up and organizing visits to Britain to meet industry and management personnel.

## Saudi investments cause outcry in Toronto

TORONTO, Nov. 16 (AP) — The sale of 68 high-rise apartment buildings to investors from Saudi Arabia prompted calls Monday in the federal and provincial parliaments for government action to protect tenants from stiff rent increases.

At the Ontario Parliament in Toronto, the leader of the socialist New Democratic Party, Bob Rae, called for an emergency debate on the issue, which affects tenants in nearly 11,000 apartments.

His request was refused, but Robert Elgie, minister of consumer and commercial relations, said the government planned to discuss the controversy at a cabinet meeting Tuesday.

In Ottawa, representatives of both opposition parties and a liberal back-bencher called on the federal government to intervene for the tenants.

"An Arab takeover of 10,000 rental units will create no new jobs, no new industry, nothing but higher rents for working Canadians," said housing critic Ian Deans of the

N.D.P. "there's a big, big difference between investment that increases rent and investment that increases housing," said conservative MP David Crombie, a former Toronto mayor.

Housing Minister Romeo LeBlanc described the issue as "potentially a very serious problem," and said he has asked officials of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. to look into the situation.

It was announced last week that the apartments had been sold by Cadillac Fairview Corp., Inc., one of Canada's top real estate firms, to Greymac Credit Corp. for \$221 million.

Within a few days, the properties were passed on to another firm, Kilderkirk Investments Ltd., and finally to a series of companies — named only by six-digit numbers — said to be representing about 60 Saudi Arabian investors.

The final sale price to the Saudi Arabians was \$410 million.

Spokesman for tenants' associations at the buildings said they feared the sale would lead to huge rent increases. Ontario's rent control law usually limits increases to 6 percent per year, but landlords are permitted higher rent hikes to cover increased financing costs.

Some analysts have questioned whether the price purportedly paid by the investors accurately represents the deal with Kilderkirk investments, which is to manage the properties for the new owners.

A leading Canadian expert on real estate, A. Gluskin of Brown Baldwin Niskier Ltd. in Toronto said the terms of the management contract and of the mortgage loans between the Saudi Arabians and firms linked to the sellers would be key factors in assessing the transaction.

He pointed out that the announced version of the deal seems to suggest that Cadillac Fairview sold the apartments for scarcely half their value and that Greymac did only a little better.

## BRIEFS

### Rocard visit concludes

RIYADH, (SPA) — French Planning Minister Michel Rocard left here Monday night concluding a five-day official visit to the Kingdom during which he held talks with authorities here. Rocard, who was invited by Planning Minister Hisham Nazer, also met with Second Deputy Premier and Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan.

Apart from several rounds of talks with Nazer, the French minister met with Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi and Petroleum and Minerals Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani. He also visited Jubail industrial city.

### Korean delegation arrives

JEDDAH, (SPA) — South Korean Deputy Construction Minister Kwan-Yong Lee and his delegation arrived here Monday night at the invitation of Communications Minister Hussein Mansouri. The Korean team was received at the airport by Jeddah Roads Department Director General Ahmad Asrah and other officials.

### Indonesian official in Riyadh

RIYADH, (SPA) — Indonesian Public Works and Housing Minister Bormo Hajar arrived here Monday night from Jeddah in the context of a tour of the Kingdom. The Indonesian minister will confer with Public Works and Housing Minister Prince Miteb and other officials of the ministry during his three-day stay.

Talks will center on promoting relations between the two countries in housing and public works sectors.

### Housing discussed

RIYADH, (SPA) — Public Works and Housing Minister Prince Miteb, who is also acting minister of municipal and rural affairs, met here Tuesday with Chad Minister of Public Works and Oil Hussein Quamouh. Prince Miteb said after the meeting that discussions dealt with possible cooperation between the Kingdom and Chad and providing assistance to the African state in housing and road construction.

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## Consultants win SR2.9m water project

RIYADH, Nov. 16 (SPA) — A SR2.9 million contract was awarded to a consulting firm Monday for studying and designing a water project for Aff, Dawadmi and nearby villages. The contract was signed by Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh. The study and designs are to be prepared within four months.

The Agriculture and Water Ministry is currently carrying out a similar water projects for Dharam, Muzahim and Qatqat, and Sudair and Mahmal. These projects are being implemented along the lines of the Wafhem project which has been completed recently and provides water a large number of towns and villages.

## Rabegh District solar-powered lamps ordered

JEDDAH, Nov. 16 — The streets and districts of Rabegh will soon be lighted by lamp posts operating with solar energy. *Al-Madineh* reported. Ali Al-Duseri, the acting mayor of Rabegh, said that the municipality was coordinating with the electricity company for this purpose. The lamp posts have a device that enables them to shed light all night and to be turned off automatically as soon as the morning sun rays get to them.

## 51 Arar schools cost SR200m

ARAR, Nov. 16 — A total of 51 educational projects of a combined value of SR200 million are under implementation here, *Al-Madineh* reported. Arar's education director Muhammad Abdul Karim Al-Ateyyat said that 12 projects had been commissioned at the beginning of this academic year.

## Jizan children being vaccinated

JIZAN, Nov. 16 — An intensive campaign has been launched here to vaccinate children against contagious diseases, *Okaz* reported. Health Affairs Director Dr. Abdul Rahim Uqail said that special care was being taken of remote areas. The campaign covers 15 governorates.

Special medical teams go to various houses and vaccinate children against rubella, polio, tuberculosis, tetanus, and diphtheria and other diseases. So far, 5,000 children of both sexes

## Comoro Island Republic gets IDB funding

JEDDAH, Nov. 16 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank agreed Monday to provide the Comoro Islands Republic with a loan of 500,000 Islamic Dinar technical assistance. The bank will finance, under the agreement, a feasibility study for a road network linking the three major islands in the country.

The agreement was signed by Comoro Economy and Finance Minister Ali Nasser and IDB President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali. The Comoro minister arrived here Sunday and was received by Dr. Ali.

## Official OK required to close valves

MAKKAH, Nov. 16 — From now on it is forbidden to close any water valve here without prior permission from Mahmoud Al-Najdi, the man in charge of Makkah's water network, *Okaz* reported. Makkah's Water Affairs Director Salem Bakr Al-Amoudi has decreed that such permission will then have to be signed by him personally, whether it concerns the main control valves outside Makkah or the valves within the city.

## Preparations now underway at Yanbu site

JEDDAH, Nov. 16 — Intensive preparations are underway for the construction of a permanent residential compound in Yanbu Industrial City, *Al-Bilad* reported. The city will accommodate 50,000 persons by January, 1985, and more than 100,000 by the end of this century.

have been vaccinated. They received more than 20,000 vaccines. A health card is delivered to those who are vaccinated as part of an effort to raise health standards in the area.

A survey is also being drawn up on the spread of tuberculosis, and malaria in the area. In the meantime, the houses are sprayed from inside with effective insecticides, and so are the valleys where mosquitoes are known to proliferate.



MARBLE SHOWROOM OPENED: Turkish Ambassador Huseyin E. Celem, second from left, attended the grand opening ceremony of ISC-Ozmer Marble and Building Materials for the businessmen, contractors, developers and others.

## SABIC finalizes contract

RIYADH, Nov. 16 (SPA) — Two Japanese companies have won an SR500 million contract to build a gas plant in Jubail, it was announced here Tuesday.

The contract was awarded by the Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), the announcement said.

The plant will go on stream in 1984 with a daily production capacity of 1,300 tons of

oxygen and 400 tons of nitrogen.

The plant one of SABIC's biggest joint ventures in the private sector, will meet the corporation and Petrokim's needs for industrial gases.

SABIC also signed another contract with the British Oxygen Gas Company to supervise and help operate the new plant.

## Dubai-Manila PAL flights increased

DUBAI, Nov. 16 — Philippine Airlines (PAL) is now making two additional flights each week between Dubai and Manila according to James Oliver, PAL district sales manager for the United Arab Emirates. These flights will also continue from Dubai to two new PAL European destinations, Paris and Zurich.

With the initiation of these new services, PAL will have four flights each week between Dubai and Manila every Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Wednesday. Flight 715 departs from Dubai every Wednesday and Sunday at 02:00 and arrives in Manila at 16:50. Flight 741 departs Dubai every Saturday while flight 743 departs every Monday.

Returning from Manila, there are two flights every Saturday, plus one flight each Tuesday and Thursday. Flight 740 leaves

Dubai and continues to Frankfurt and Paris, while flight 742 stops at Athens, Zurich and Paris.

"Since the start up of services from Dubai we have seen a steady increase in demand for seats," Oliver said. "We are looking forward to begin able to expand our services for residents soon."

**Have information about local news? Important upcoming events? Contributors with information about local news or stories of local interest should contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4743 or 653-2911, Jeddah.**

## Kingdom raises contribution to global telecommunications body

JEDDAH, Nov. 16 — Saudi Arabia has increased by 10-fold its contribution to the budget of the International Federation of Telecommunication Unions (ITU) from SF173,000 to SF1.73 million. The move was taken during the recent international conference of government delegates for telecommunications held in Nairobi.

The Kingdom also donated \$400,000 for

Arabizing the International Telecommunications Terminology Encyclopedia. The figure represents one-third of the total cost for translating the encyclopedia. The conference had decided to adopt Arabic as an official language of ITU. Also, \$50,000 was donated by Saudi Arabia to a plan approved by the conference to name 1983 "The Year of Telecommunications."

## Prison inmates pursue studies

JEDDAH, Nov. 16 — Jeddah's prison department has allowed 88 inmates to pursue their studies at the intermediate and secondary school levels, *Al-Madineh* reported. The director of Jeddah prisons, Capt. Zaki Asaad Rahimi, gave instructions for night school registrations formalities to be completed on behalf of the students. The inmates were later handed their study programs and will take their tests at the prison school. Such students will receive salaries from the prison department and bonuses if they score good marks, as an incentive measure.

The Kingdom's delegation to the conference was headed by Rebea Dahlan. About 157 countries participated in the conference, which adopted an Arab proposal to denounce Israel for its aggressive practices and warn the Jewish state that expulsion from IFTU to be considered if aggression is repeated. Racist South Africa was expelled from the federation.

The Palestine Liberation Organization, recognized by the United Nations and other international bodies, has been allowed to attend IFTU meetings. Other resolutions included re-electing Saudi Arabia to IFTU's administrative board membership and rebuilding the telecommunications network in Lebanon.

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:16	3:13	2:44	2:28	2:53	3:19
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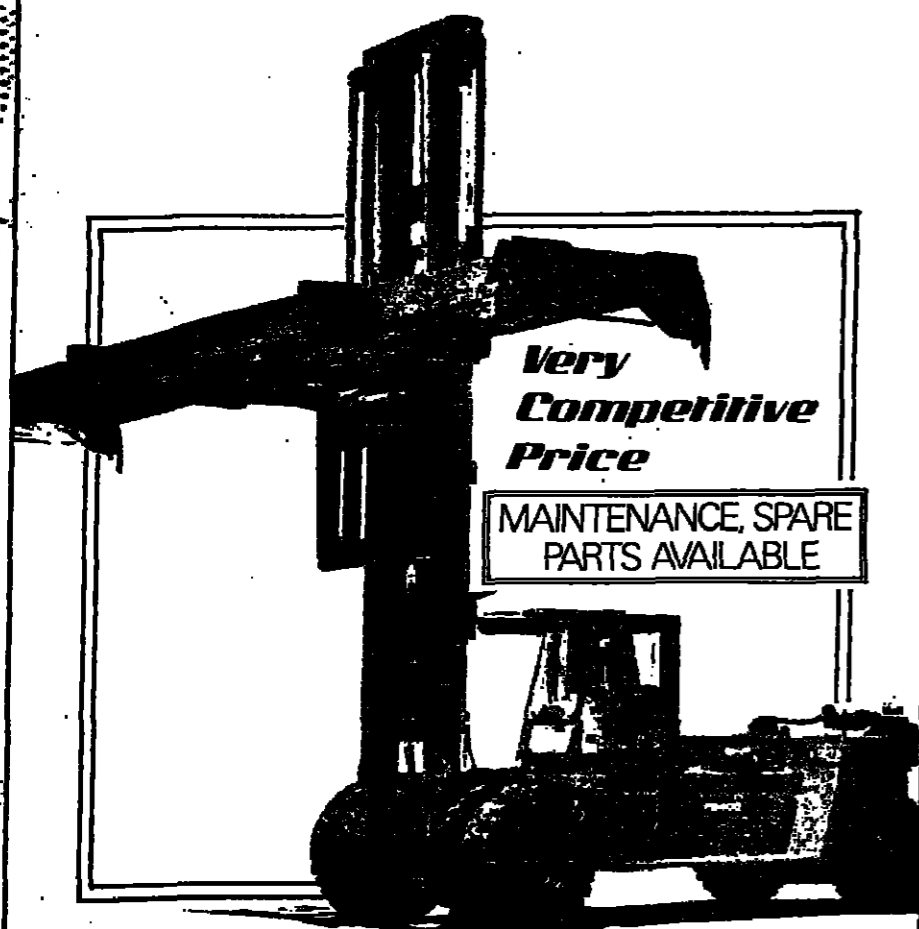
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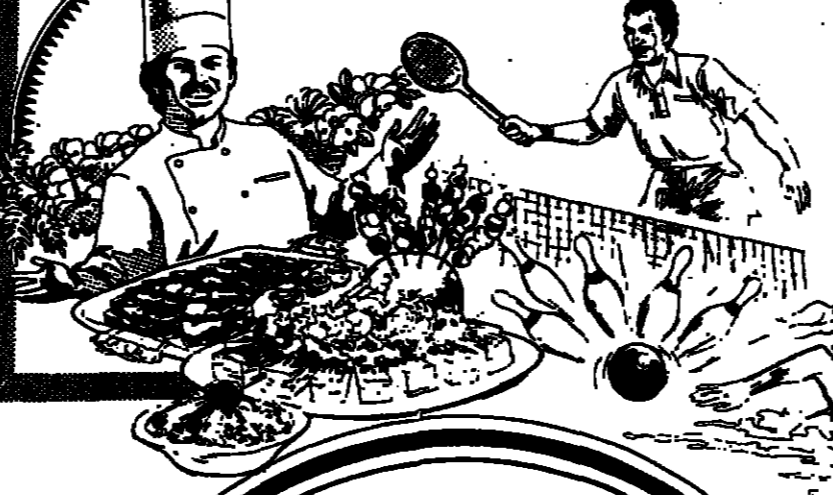
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## U.N. assembly OKs peace declaration

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 16. (AP) — The U.N. General Assembly on Monday adopted by unanimous consent a declaration calling on nations to settle international disputes "exclusively by peaceful means."

The Manila Declaration on the peaceful settlement of international disputes — drafted in February and March 1980 in the Philippines' capital city of Manila — grew out of an assembly debate on peaceful settlement of disputes begun in 1979.

Philippine Foreign Secretary Carlos P. Romulo told the 157-nation assembly its action was "a milestone" in peace efforts. Imre Hollai of Hungary, president of the current session, said the declaration's adoption would "no doubt be recognized" as an important breakthrough for international cooperation.

In the main part of the document, the General Assembly "solemnly declares" that "every state shall settle its international disputes exclusively by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security,

and justice, are not endangered."

The declaration says states shall seek settlement of their disputes by negotiation, inquiry, mediation, conciliation, arbitration, judicial settlement, resort to regional agencies or other peaceful means of their own choice.

If these fail, it says, they shall refer the dispute to the Security Council in line with charter provisions and the council may either recommend other ways to settle the dispute or else terms for a settlement.

The declaration also says U.N. members should bear in mind that the charter authorizes the General Assembly itself to recommend ways for peaceful adjustment of disputes in cases where the council is not already involved.

The resolution incorporating the declaration was recommended to the assembly by its legal committee. The committee report that contained the resolution introduced by the committee rapporteur, Miss Salwa Gabriel Berber of Sudan.

## 188 E. Germans fled to death

SALZGITTER, West Germany, Nov. 16 (AFP) — A total of 188 East Germans trying to flee to West were shot down by border guards since Nov. 15, 1961, a West German official announced here. During the same period, East German soldiers opened fire 4,167 times on compatriots trying to flee the country.

The figures were given by Carl Hermann Retemeyer, a prosecutor and head of the government office that keeps track of incidents with East Germany, on the bureau's

21st anniversary. Of the 188 dead 71 were killed trying to cross the Berlin Wall while the other 117 lost their lives trying to cross the border at other points, he said.

East German authorities also arrested 2,585 East Germans at the border with West Germany during the same period. Another 18,823 were tried for alleged political motives. In all, 28,044 "incidents and acts of violence" have been registered by the West German office in the last 21 years.

## Nicaragua fears U.S.-backed war

UNITED NATIONS, New York, Nov. 16 (AFP) — The Nicaraguan government fears U.S.-backed "large-scale aggression" in the near future, leading to open warfare between Nicaragua and its Central American neighbor, Honduras.

Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel Escoto said in a letter to the president of the security council, published here Monday, that a recently announced postponement of U.S.-Honduran joint exercises was a "tactical

maneuver" rather than a signal that the United States favored peace.

D'Escoto accused the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) of aiming to destabilize Nicaragua, where the present Sandinista revolutionary regime ousted dictator Anastasio Somoza in 1979. The foreign minister quoted articles in U.S. newspapers to "confirm" his charges. D'Escoto concluded by renewing Nicaragua's offer to negotiate with the United States and Honduras.

## U.K. woman fails to sue Thatcher

LONDON, Nov. 16 (AP) — A British woman upset that her son is out of work failed in her attempt Monday to sue Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in London's High Court.

Mrs. Bernice Smith, 56, hoped to break new legal ground by claiming damages from Mrs. Thatcher for the heartbreak she said unemployment had caused her family. But in preliminary proceedings lasting 15 minutes, a judge ruled that the case was "unactionable in English law," and threw it out of court.

"I'm not giving up. I'm not going to be dismissed as easily as that," said Mrs. Smith, who said she would appeal. She claimed her 25-year-old son Richard had been out of work for three years since leaving college with an art and design degree.

"He has tried everything — tanks, insurance, everything possible. He used to be a happy extrovert, but now has an introverted personality," she said.

Unemployment in Britain currently is running at 13.8 percent, and Mrs. Thatcher's critics blame the figure on her anti-inflationary policy of curbing government spending and keeping interest rates excessively high.

## Minister hit with eggs

CAMBRIDGE, England, Nov. 16 (AFP) — British Social Services Minister Norman Fowler was pelted with eggs here Monday night by demonstrators protesting the conservative government's hard-line policy in a seven-month dispute with low-paid health workers and nurses.

The demonstrators, shouting "Fowler out," hurled eggs at the minister as he arrived to take part in a debate at Cambridge University. Fowler last had eggs hurled at him by health workers on Oct. 21 when he came to a London hospital to inaugurate a new ward.

## Family 'worried' about Di's health

LONDON, Nov. 16 (AP) — British tabloid, *The Daily Mirror*, on Tuesday brushed aside Buckingham Palace denials that Princess Diana is suffering from the dieting-wasting disease, anorexia nervosa, and reported that her family is deeply concerned.

"Close members of Princess Diana's family are very worried about her health," the newspaper reported.

"A member of the Spencer family — who has asked not to be named — said: 'I can assure you there are many people who are really upset about what is happening to her as far as her health is concerned. There is a great deal of concern. I am extremely worried about her, but it is very difficult for me — or anybody else — to interfere. We would be told to mind our own business.' I can't say for sure that Diana has anorexia —

I am not a qualified doctor — but she has become frighteningly thin."

A palace spokesman denied headline stories Monday in British tabloids that 21-year-old Diana, whose baby son Prince William was born June 21, is suffering from anorexia nervosa. The illness especially affects young women and is characterized by a refusal to eat.

The palace spokesman pleaded: "We ask those responsible for those exaggerated stories to leave her alone. This is appalling. She is looking fit and well."

But *The Daily Mirror* added Tuesday that Princess Michael of Kent, wife of the cousin of Diana's mother-in-law Queen Elizabeth II, had expressed concern about Diana's health as far back as 10 months ago.

It said that in January, when Diana was

four months pregnant, Princess Michael reportedly told an acquaintance that Diana's husband Prince Charles and the queen were "very worried" and that Diana was "being urged to seek medical advice."

Another British tabloid, *The Daily Express*, quoted sources close to the royal family as saying: "The queen fears that the 'concern' for Diana's health, so publicly expressed, has become so intrusive that it could cause a breakdown."

Pictures and stories about the royal's self newspapers and British tabloids, locked in a fierce circulation battle for survival, compete ruthlessly to obtain them.

Diana, top of the royal popularity polls, has not been out of the glare of publicity since two years ago when news first leaked that she and Charles were dating.

## Haughey trailing opposition

DUBLIN, Ireland, Nov. 16 (AP) — A total of 366 candidates qualified Monday for ballot slots in next week's Irish general elections as the latest opinion poll showed Prime Minister Charles Haughey trailing his opposition.

The Irish Elections Board said 132 candidates had come slots from Haughey's Fianna Fail party, 115 from the main opposition Fine Gael, 50 from Irish Labor, 20 from the Workers' Party, seven from the Democratic Socialists and 52 independents.

The final number of candidates vying for the 166 seats of Ireland's Dail or parliament was to be confirmed Tuesday after a 24-hour allowance for withdrawals. The election is the third in 18 months.

A poll published in *The Irish Times* Monday showed Haughey's party marginally ahead of Fine Gael, its main rival, but far short of the support needed to form a new government. Haughey personally rated far

behind Garret Fitzgerald, the leader of Fine Gael.

Fianna Fail, ousted from government Nov. 4 by a parliamentary no-confidence vote, received support from 44 percent of 1,000 voters polled by the Market Research Bureau of Ireland, followed by Fine Gael with 42 percent and Labor 10 percent.

In the last election, Feb. 18, Fianna Fail polled 47 percent, Fine Gael 37 percent and Labor 9 percent. Fitzgerald was rated best by 55 percent of those surveyed, compared with 32 percent for the flamboyant millionaire Haughey.

The country's economic troubles are the main issue in the election. The Irish Republic has a record 168,000 unemployed, or 15 percent of the work force, and an annual inflation rate of 17 percent. Haughey has had to fight political scandals and dissent against his leadership from within his own party.

## Japan war drill begins

TOKYO, Nov. 16 (AP) — Army troops began their first maneuvers in Japan in 25 years Tuesday in a joint exercise at the foot of Mount Fuji with the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF), Japan's Defense Agency said.

A Defense Agency spokesman, who asked not to be named, said the three-day maneuvers, which followed a six-day preparatory drill, was code-named "Yamato '82" with 200 troops from the 9th Infantry Division, from Fort Lewis, Washington, and 500 Japanese.

The spokesman said the purpose of the first combined U.S.-Japan ground military training exercise was to repel a hypothetical enemy attack. The U.S. Army has not stationed troops or carried out maneuvers in Japan since 1957.

On Sunday police arrested three persons among 3,000 workers and leftists who joined a protest demonstration against the maneuvers at the JGSDF training site, 100 kilometers west of Tokyo.

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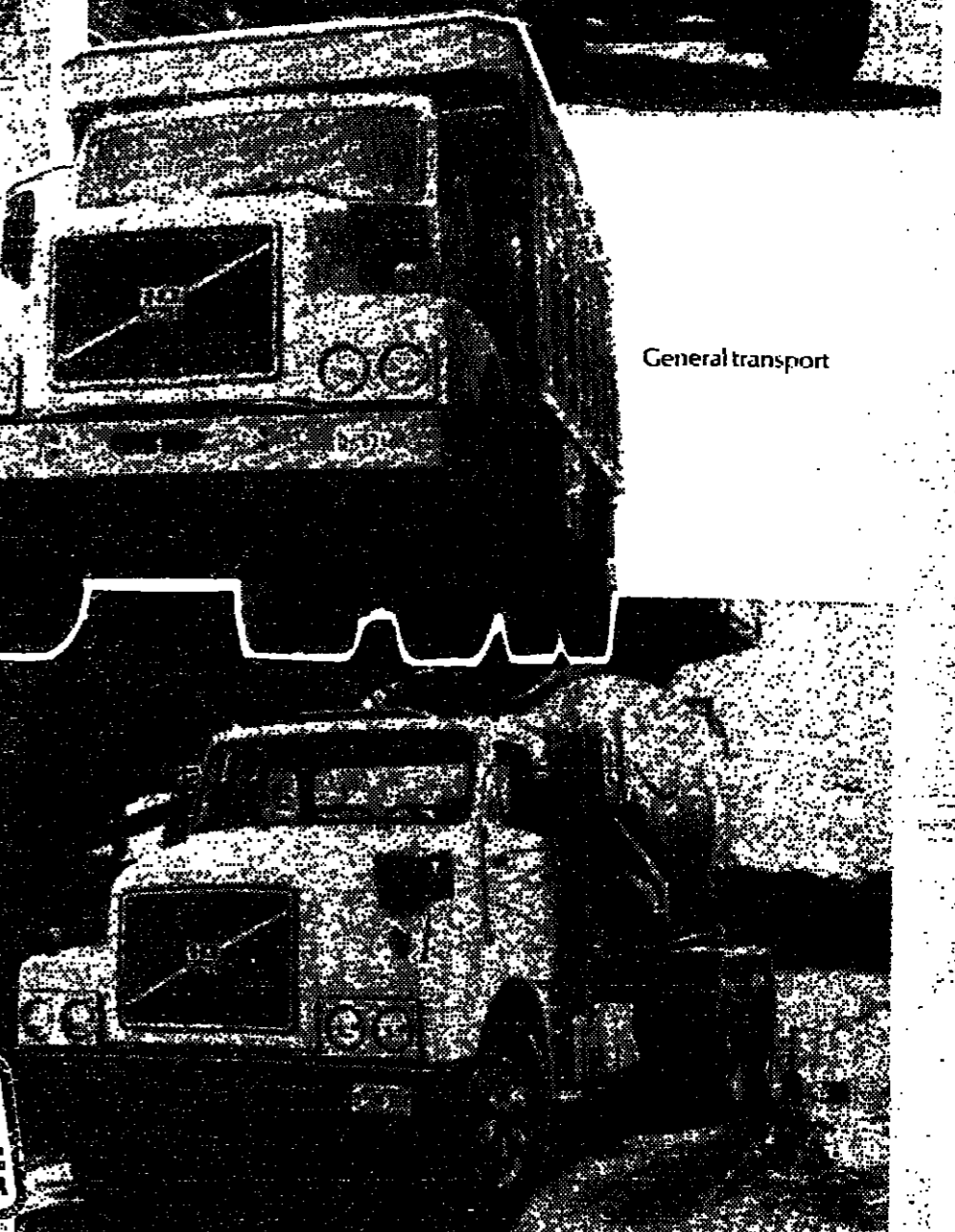
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## U.S. renews charge of chemical warfare

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 16 (AP) — The United States has renewed its allegations that Soviet and Vietnamese forces are using chemical and biological warfare in Laos, Cambodia and Afghanistan.

Eugene Douglas, U.S. coordinator for refugee affairs, told the U.N. social, humanitarian and cultural committee the United States had "thoroughly documented" its allegations that "mycotoxin, popularly called yellow rain" had been used in Southeast Asia and Afghanistan.

He did not spell out the evidence, but said the claims "have been verified by other governments as well." He cited a Canadian government study which he said found "evidence of the use of mycotoxins in Southeast Asia and Afghanistan" and later told reporters that other nations are also looking into the claims.

However, when a reporter asked why the United States appeared to be alone in making the alleged practice a major issue, he added: "I think the United States stands alone on a lot of questions," because of others' non-concern or "simple timorousness, of which there is an overabundance in the international community."

He told the reporters that while touring camps of tribesmen who had fled fighting in Southeast Asia, he had personally seen "people whose symptoms or whose appearance has no other explanation than chemical or biological attack." He said the symptoms included development of enormous sores, followed by loss of flesh and death.

Douglas made his comments as the committee began debate on the report of its High Commissioner for Refugees, Poul Hartling. The report details efforts to help some 10 million refugees worldwide including some 5

## U.N. to resolve E. Timor dispute

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 16 (Agencies) — The U.N. General Assembly's decolonization committee has moved to try to resolve the dispute over East Timor, the Portuguese-administered territory annexed by Indonesia in 1976.

By a vote of 48 to 42 with 54 abstentions, the committee Monday adopted a resolution sponsored by Portugal and 15 other countries requesting U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar "to initiate consultations with all parties directly concerned" aimed at "achieving a comprehensive settlement" of the East Timor problem. Observers here saw the vote as a boost for Indonesia, which over the past three years has steadily increased its support here over the takeover of the island.

Although the number of countries calling for self-determination for East Timor has not changed, the number of abstentions has increased, thus eroding support for Portugal in its six-year diplomatic battle with Jakarta. Monday's resolution was also more moderate than the committee's 1981 one which reaffirmed "the inalienable right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence" and which expressed deep concern at the famine in the island.

The latest resolution merely requested "the special committee on the situation with regard to the implementation of the declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and people to keep the situation in the territory under active consideration." Observers felt that the improvement in East Timor's food situation, undermined by several countries in the debate before Monday's vote and by former Australian Prime Minister Gough Whitlam, also apparently influenced the outcome.

The resolution however did mention Portugal as "the administering power" in East Timor when it called upon all specialized U.N. agencies and bodies to assist the people of East Timor, "in close consultation with Portugal." With the exception of China, Vietnam and Laos, no Asian country voted for the resolution. The United States opposed it.

Abdullah Kamil, the Indonesian delegate, opposing the resolution said: "The process of decolonization ended when East Timor became integrated into Indonesia in 1976."

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## China physicist defects to Taipei

TAIPEI, Nov. 16 (AP) — A mainland Chinese physicist has defected to Taiwan and is currently involved in a scientific research project on this island, the *Central Daily News* reported Tuesday.

The ruling Nationalist Party's newspaper said the physicist, identified only as a 43-year-old Lu, defected here three months ago while on a stopover at Taiwan's international airport. It did not say where Lu was heading.

The report said the physicist is now working at an undisclosed university in northern Taiwan. It said he left mainland China three years ago to work at an optical laboratory in Arizona, the United States, under an exchange program. The report could not be confirmed officially.

In an interview with the paper, the physicist said he decided to come to Taiwan after reading U.S. press reports about the island, held by the Nationalists since the Communist takeover of the mainland in 1949.

He asked that his full name not be revealed. It was not clear why the Taipei authorities, who usually give much publicity to Chinese defectors, were silent on Lu, but the paper said he will be presented to the press soon.

The paper said Lu, from Chenjiang city in Jiangsu province, was the second mainland Chinese physicist to defect here this year.

## Salvador rebels still control areas

SAN SALVADOR, Nov. 16 (AP) — Leftist rebels still control areas of northern Chalatenango province despite a 5,000-man army counteroffensive, and launched a series of attacks that left one soldier killed and six wounded.

The guerrillas attacked soldiers at military posts in Chalatenango, including one post at the Nov. 5 Dam, one of the nation's biggest reservoirs, said a military source, who asked

## Guardsmen to be tried

SAN SALVADOR, Nov. 16 (R) — A Salvadoran judge has ruled that five national guardsmen must stand trial in connection with the killing of four U.S. women missionaries nearly two years ago, court secretary Antonio Diaz said.

The decision taken by judge Bernardo Rauda Murcia Monday brings to an end hearings into the evidence against the five which have been going on since February when they were formally charged. The ruling, however, must be ratified by the regional judicial authorities and no date for the trial has yet been set.

The violent deaths of the four women — three nuns and one lay missionary — caused outrage in the United States and led to a brief suspension of all military and economic aid to El Salvador from Washington.

Three days earlier, they had disappeared while driving from the international airport to the capital.

not to be identified for security reasons.

He said the leftists also ambushed a military troop-truck convoy, cutting a 16-kilometer stretch of a north-south highway linking the province with the capital.

In other parts of the country, guerrillas blew up a railroad bridge, cutting off train traffic in eastern El Salvador. Rebels also blew up a string of power lines, leaving one-fourth of the country's population in the area without electricity for the seventh time this year.

Military sources reported 14 more soldiers were wounded in a guerrilla ambush near Jiquilisco, along the coastal highway, 100 kilometers southeast of the capital.

Last Wednesday, the army launched a 5,000-man attack but failed to dislodge the guerrillas from six Chalatenango towns they have been holding since Oct. 10. The rebels counterattacked late Sunday. A military report said Maj. Carlos Armando Aviles, the deputy commander in Chalatenango city, the provincial capital 72 kilometers north of San Salvador, was wounded in the fighting.

The new attacks on power lines early Sunday left 1.3 million people without water, electricity and other power-driven services in the eastern provinces of Usulután, San Miguel, La Unión and Morazan. Attacking power installations has been a favorite tactic of the guerrillas, and the area was last blacked out for 11 days in October.

## Judge dismisses U.S. draft case

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 16 (R) — A U.S. judge dismissed a charge against a 21-year-old man for failing to register for military service in a decision which a defense lawyer said could affect similar conscription cases. At least a dozen other young Americans have been charged with refusing to register for military service, and four have been convicted so far.

Mark Rosenbaum, a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union, told reporters: "Today's decision means that if other courts follow the reasoning of this court, the other indictments will have to be dismissed and conscription declared null and void."

Rosenbaum is representing David Wayne, of Pasadena, California, against whom the charge of failing to register was dismissed Monday. U.S. District Court Judge Terry Hatter threw out the charge after the prosecution refused to allow presidential counselor Edwin Meese as a witness in the case against Wayne and to hand over White House and selective service (conscription) documents.

Judge Hatter also ruled the proclamation of military conscription by the then president Carter and regulation of July 18, 1980, setting out the manner of registration were illegally promulgated.

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**Lebanese town under curfew****Israelis move into Aley after sectarian fighting**

BEIRUT, Nov. 16 (AP) — Israeli armored forces moved into the mountain town of Aley Tuesday and ordered a curfew to stop machine gun and mortar battles between Christian and Druze militias.

Earlier, unidentified gunmen — believed to be Druze leftists — fired a rocket-propelled grenade at an Israeli patrol in the mainly Druze-populated Shweifat neighborhood. An Israeli military spokesman in Baabda, eight kilometers east of Beirut said the Israelis killed one attacker in the ensuing gun battle. He said none of the Israelis were hurt.

The Israeli occupying forces in Lebanon still control the central Lebanese mountain district known as the Chouf, but have been unable to stop sectarian fighting between Christian rightists and Druze leftists that has claimed more than 50 lives in the past month.

Street battles between Christians and Druzes broke out Tuesday morning in Aley, a town of about 10,000, 12 kilometers southeast of Beirut. There was no report on how many militiamen were involved.

Lebanon's state and privately owned radio stations said the Israeli forces moved in late in the morning and broadcast appeals for a ceasefire through bullhorns. The radios said the fighting stopped at 1:15 p.m. (1115 GMT), two hours after the Israelis moved in. There was no immediate report on casualties.

Some Lebanese Christian and Druze leaders have accused the Israelis of deliberately

fueling the Chouf fighting in order to justify their continued presence in some parts of Lebanon.

All Lebanese radios said Tuesday that Israeli forces had withdrawn from the Yarz neighborhood that houses the Lebanese Army Command and U.S. Ambassador Robert Dillon's house, eight kilometers east of Beirut.

American Marines have been patrolling Christian sectors in East Beirut but Lebanese government sources said the Marine command refused a Lebanese request to send patrols into Yarz and Baabda because of the continued presence of Israeli forces there. The Israeli withdrawal could mean an expansion of Marine patrols into that area.

The 4,000-man multinational peacekeeping force made up of U.S. Marines, French and Italian troops, was dispatched to Lebanon in September to help the Lebanese Army assert its control over Lebanese territory after eight years of strife.

Meanwhile, seven U.S. congressmen met President Amin Gemayel Tuesday on a one-day fact-finding visit to Lebanon, presidential palace officials said.

The delegation, headed by the Lee Hamilton, a Democrat from Indiana, met earlier with Foreign Minister Elie Salem and was to see Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan, leftist leader Walid Jumblatt, U.S. Middle East envoy Morris Draper and U.S. Ambassador Dillon during their visit.

**Sharon sets terms for withdrawal**

TEL AVIV, Nov. 16 (AP) — Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon said Tuesday that all Palestinian commandos must leave Lebanon and that the Syrian Army must withdraw from the central mountain area there before Israel would begin an initial withdrawal, Israel radio reported.

Speaking in closed session to parliament's foreign affairs and security committee, Sharon also said that prisoners must be exchanged and the bodies of Israelis killed in fighting returned before Israel would withdraw to a line 40 kilometers north of its border, the radio said.

Sharon said there are 7,000 commandos of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Lebanon, the state radio reported. They are

concentrated in the northern Tripoli area and behind Syrian lines in eastern Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

The multinational force now policing the Beirut area would move into the central mountains to fill the vacuum left by the Syrian withdrawal, the radio quoted Sharon as saying. Sharon also insisted that the normalization process must begin between Israel and Lebanon, and that the Israeli Army participate in talks on security arrangements for South Lebanon, the radio said.

He reiterated Israel's demands that the Lebanese Army patrol the south, in conjunction with supervision by the Israeli Army, but that no artillery be stationed there, the radio said.

**Mrs. Bhutto to leave for W. Germany**

KARACHI, Nov. 16 (AP) — Nusrat Bhutto, widow of executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and leader of a major Pakistan opposition party, will leave early Thursday for Frankfurt for treatment of suspected lung cancer, her physician reported Tuesday.

Dr. Abdul Hayee Saeed, who will accompany Mrs. Bhutto, said she has been allowed a new passport and foreign exchange totaling \$25,000 for travel and medical expenses.

Mrs. Bhutto, 53, has headed her husband's Pakistan People's Party since his execution in 1979 in a murder-conspiracy case. She

petitioned in August for permission to travel abroad for medical treatment. The government agreed to her request last Friday after receiving a report from a medical board which examined her. She returned to her residence here Monday from a hospital where she was taken on Nov. 10 after losing consciousness. Saeed said she was feeling better.

Mrs. Bhutto also had a reunion at her residence with her daughter Benazir, 29, who has been held house arrest since March 1980 at the family home in Larkana 480 kms north of Karachi.

**Zia, Andropov discuss Afghanistan**

MOSCOW, Nov. 16 (AFP) — New Soviet Communist Party Secretary-General Yuri Andropov has wasted no time getting to grips with the burning issue of Afghanistan, discussing the situation there Monday with Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq. Soon after the state funeral for Leonid Brezhnev Monday, his successor at the head of the party met both Gen. Zia and Afghan President Babrak Karmal.

The issue has soured international relations for close on three years. The party newspaper *Pravda* reported Tuesday that both foreign ministers — Soviet Andrei Gromyko and Sahabzada Yaqub Khan for Pakistan — attended the meeting, the first

top level contact between the two countries on the problem since the Soviet intervention in December.

Soviet radio gave prominence to the talks in Tuesday's news broadcasts. Andropov's prompt move on Afghanistan interested analysts here for two reasons. As one Soviet source said, it showed there is no wavering in the Kremlin. Only five days after the death of Brezhnev, who led the Soviet Union for 18 years, his successor was seen to be in command.

But the speed also proves that Afghanistan remains a thorn in the Kremlin's side which "Andropov might attempt to get rid

of," as one Western diplomat said. For several months, Soviet sources have said informally that the country could have spared itself the invasion of Afghanistan which has poisoned international relations, in an implicit criticism of Brezhnev's leadership.

Although as a member of the Politburo Andropov was associated with those policies, observers believe he will have a wider margin of maneuver than his predecessor, who was obliged to back the decision to intervene to the hilt. It remains to be seen what course Andropov — who is something of a mystery to observers — will choose.

**Over 20 killed as explosions rock Kabul**

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 16 (AFP) — More than 20 persons were reportedly killed in bomb explosions in three restaurants in the center of Kabul last week in what Western diplomatic sources here said was a "dramatic increase of resistance activity" in the Afghan capital.

The sources said bombs went off 45-minutes apart during the afternoon of Nov. 11 in the three restaurants in the Shere-Nau commercial district of Kabul frequented by police, soldiers and officials sympathetic to the regime of Babrak Karmal. The most reliable estimates, sources said, put the number of dead at more than 20, although resistance

circles spoke of 60 to 80 fatalities.

Shooting throughout much of the city has occurred every night for the past week, the sources said, as assassinations of persons favorable to the Soviet-backed Kabul regime have risen. Heavy artillery exchanges have been reported in the Doh Zab suburb near the airport.

The sources said that near Paghman, some 20 kms north of Kabul, Mujahideen Islamic resistance fighters have stepped up their pressure on Soviet-Afghan forward positions established after last month's Soviet aerial bombardments. In three months of fighting, they added, resistance

forces shot down five Soviet helicopters and over the past few days Soviet authorities have sent MiG jets to bomb suspected resistance positions.

Meanwhile, one Western diplomatic source, citing reports from doctors in Kabul, Monday, confirmed that some of the bodies removed from the Salang Pass Tunnel, where hundreds of Soviet troops and Afghan civilians were said to have perished on Oct. 30, were riddled with bullets. Diplomats have theorized the Soviet troops may have opened fire on the Afghans inside the tunnel believing them to be members of the resistance.

**Pressure on Soviets must be upheld — Hurd**

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 16 (AFP) — Douglas Hurd, minister of state at the British Foreign Office, has stressed what he called the importance of maintaining "maximum pressure" on the Soviet Union to withdraw from Afghanistan, both through the United Nations and the internal resistance.

"It is clearly right that the armed struggle

in Afghanistan is to continue", Hurd said here Monday. He said he was "not prepared to discuss the origins of the weapons that the resistance clearly receive" and refused to deny that Britain might be one of the suppliers.

Hurd said the Soviets must be offered a way out of Afghanistan "without humilia-

tion" and suggested that indirect talks between Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan opened in June under U.N. auspices were a step in the right direction.

After a meeting with Pakistani Foreign Ministry officials Monday, he said London and Islamabad shared a "close convergence of views on Afghanistan."

**Israel plans action against pro-Jordan Palestinians**

TEL AVIV, Nov. 16 (Agencies) — Israel plans to act against pro-Jordanian Palestinian leaders in the occupied West Bank to reduce Jordanian influence in the territory, the independent newspaper *Haaretz* reported Tuesday. It quoted details of what it described as directives issued by the Israeli civil administration responsible for the Palestinian West Bank.

The directives include taking "maximum measures" against Jordanian sympathizers "to bring them around to supporting the (Israeli) administration," it reported.

The new directives appeared aimed at thwarting efforts by Jordan's King Hussein to act as a representative of the Palestinians in negotiations on the future of the West Bank. King Hussein recently met Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat to seek a PLO mandate to conduct talks on the West Bank.

The directives call for "establishing control over the local (Palestinian) system" and for "massive dismissals of those who stand in the way," according to the newspaper. Israel has dismissed nine Palestinian mayors this year for supporting the PLO and refusing to cooperate with Israeli civil authorities.

The reported directives suggest Israel now intends to act against pro-Jordanian Palestinians it has considered moderates in the past.

Parliamentarian Dror Zeigerman of the ruling Likud Party was quoted by *Haaretz* as saying the directives appeared to violate terms of Palestinian autonomy set out in the Camp David accords.

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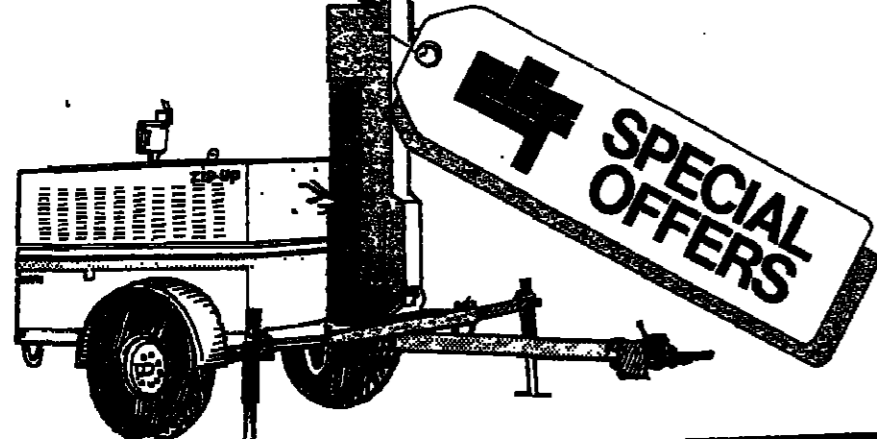
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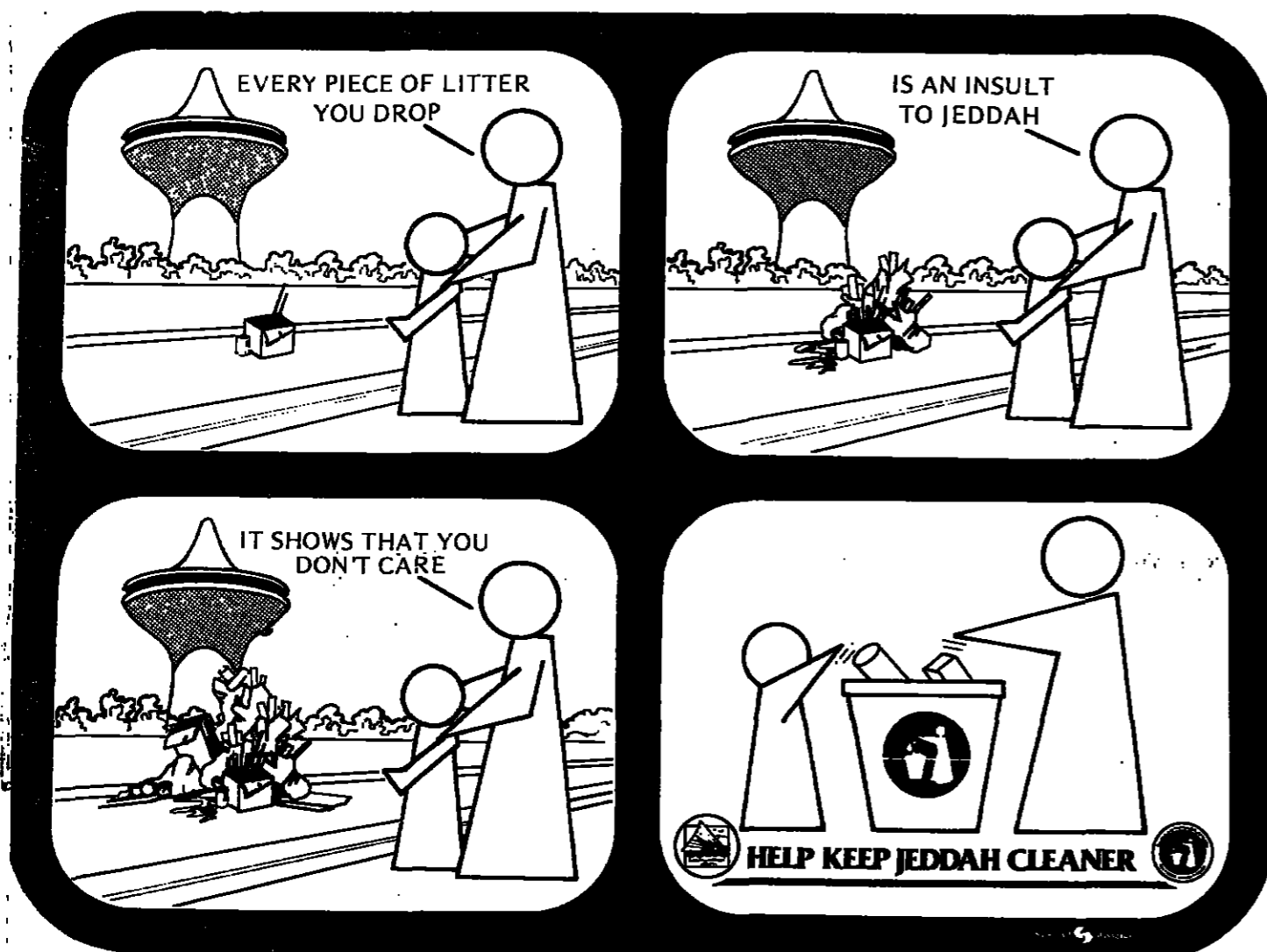
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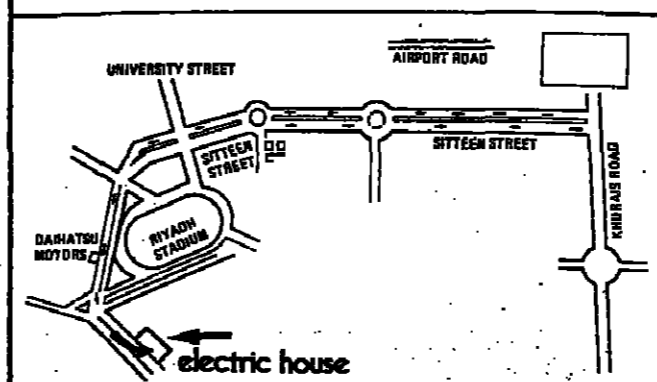
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## With a deadly spell of 3 for 45

## Lawson puts England in a spot

PERTH, Australia, Nov. 16 (AP) — The final day of the first Test at the WACA ground in Perth will be a grim affair with a desperate England fighting for a draw against a rampant Australian bowling attack.

At stumps on the fourth day Tuesday England were 163 for five with Derek Randall batting on 45 and nightwatchman, wicket-keeper Bob Taylor batting on 3.

England made 411 in the first innings and David Hookes' 56 and Geoff Lawson's fighting half century carried the Australians to 424 for nine declared at lunch. Skipper Greg Chappell closed the Australian innings after

injured Terry Alderman had signalled his intention to play in the event of an extreme emergency or in a situation where a batsman was one run short of his century.

The first hour on Wednesday will be critical for England and the likelihood of an Australian win looms menacingly for English captain Bob Willis. The opening overs will tell the story of the outcome after a gripping day's play on Tuesday.

England has still to solve their opening problems with the batting and once again Geoff Cook failed to go on with his role.

Skipper Willis must be lamenting the

absence of Graham Gooch. Wayne Larkins and Geoff Boycott, all of whom sealed their fate with the "Dirty Dozen" tour of South Africa.

A vital factor in any result could be the ability of Bruce Yardley to spin his way through the English lower order. Yardley took five for 107 in the first innings and was extracting turn from the pitch late in his 22 overs.

But the honors for the day went to Geoff Lawson, the paceman, who headed the wicket tally on the recent Pakistan tour and grabbed the prized scalps of Cook, Allan Lamb and Ian Botham after his courageous 50 in the Australian first innings.

Botham spent only six minutes at the wicket and faced only two deliveries leaving a wide open gap between bat and pad for Lawson to scatter his stumps.

Derek Randall has once again been called upon for a big effort with the collapse of the early order. He hit up a 92 against Western Australia and a 78 in the first innings of the Test. His 45 not out on Tuesday was not without blemish and Lawson late in the day nearly dismissed the England ace with a high bouncer which Randall hooked, falling short of Greg Ritchie at deep fine leg.

The stubborn Bob Taylor, sent in as a nightwatchman and yet to be dismissed on this tour on the WACA ground, remains as vital support for Wednesday's back-to-the-wall fight by England. Taylor had an undefeated 29 in the first innings and was still at the wicket when the two English innings closed against Western Australia.

Meanwhile, it was learnt that Mike Gatting, overlooked for England's current tour of, has been appointed Middlesex captain for next season in succession to the now retired Mike Brearley.

And John Emburey, who lost the vice-captaincy last season because of his involvement in the rebel tour of South Africa, now resumes that position.

The 25-year-old Gatting had his best season for Middlesex last season, when he took over the vice-captaincy in place of Emburey. However, he failed to impress the England selectors on his recall to the side for the three Tests against Pakistan and was omitted from the Australian tour party.

## Score-board

England (1st innings):	411
Australia (1st innings):	29
G. Wood c and b Willis	32
J. Dyson lbw Miller	3
A. Border c Taylor b Botham	117
G. Chappell c Lamb b Willis	62
K. Hughes c Willis b Miller	56
D. Hookes lbw Miller	0
R. Marsh c Cook b Botham	50
G. Lawson b Miller	17
B. Yardley c Lamb b Willis	2
D. Lillee not out	31
Extras	424
Total (for 9 wickets dec.)	163
Fall of wickets: 1-63, 2-76, 3-123, 4-264, 5-311, 6-311, 7-374, 8-414.	

Bowling: Willis 31.5-4-95-3; Botham 40-10-121-2; Cowans 13-2-54-0; Fringle 10-1-37-0; Miller 33-11-70-4; Cook 4-2-16-0.	
England (2nd innings):	7
G. Cook c Border b Lawson	9
C. Taveira c Chappell b Yardley	28
D. Gower lbw Lillee	56
A. Lamb c Marsh b Lawson	0
I. Botham b Lawson	45
D. Randall batting	3
R. Taylor batting	15
Extras	163
Total (for 5 wickets)	163
Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-51, 3-77, 4-80, 5-151.	
Bowling: Lillee 16-8-40-1; Lawson 16-3-45-3; Yardley 22-5-52-1; Border 4-2-11-0.	

## Connors corners Borg to confirm superiority

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 16 (AP) — Jimmy Connors defeated Bjorn Borg 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 in a \$100,000 Tennis Exhibition match Monday night for his second victory over the Swede in two days.

Connors collected \$75,000 for the win, his fifth in six exhibition matches against Borg, who received \$25,000. "I have to play good tennis when I play him," Connors said of Borg, who is on the comeback trail after a long layoff. "Anytime we play each other we get psyched up. One or the other is going to beat the other one off."

Borg held service only once in the first set as Connors, 30, jumped out to a 3-0 lead and went on to win it 6-3. Borg came back in the second set, breaking Connors' service twice to take a 3-0 lead and win the set 6-2 with commanding play.

Holding a 5-2 lead in the third set, Connors broke the 26-year-old Swede's service in the final game to take the match. Connors beat Borg in three sets Sunday in Seattle, Washington.

Meanwhile, sixth-seeded Chris Johnstone of Australia easily defeated unseeded American Charles Strode 6-1, 6-2 on the second day of the Bangkok Tennis at the Hua Mark Indoor Stadium.

In other results in the 32-player, \$85,500 tournament, unseeded Glen Michibata of Canada beat unseeded countryman Bill Cowan 6-3, 6-2, unseeded Harold Thiesen of West Germany defeated eighth-seeded American Tom Cain 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; and in doubles play Morris Strode and Charles Strode of the United States beat Beeyong Sisson of the Philippines and Walter Redondo of the United States 6-4, 7-6, 9-7.

In Brisbane, England's Sue Barker needed only 53 minutes to beat Australia's Evonne Cawley in the 125,000 Australian dollar National Panasonic Women's classic.

The 25-year-old Barker broke Cawley's serve twice in the first set and repeated the effort in the second to advance to the next round 6-1, 6-3.

Earlier in the day American teenager Andrea Leand became the first seeded player to be eliminated from the tournament losing a tough three set match against 1980 Australian Open winner Barbara Jordan of

the United States. Jordan, 25, mixed up her shots and kept the ball low to knock over Leand 6-0, 2-6, 6-4.

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Top-seeded Tracy Austin and Pam Shriver, both of the United States, advanced to the next round with a minimum amount of trouble. Shriver found herself down 0-4 in the first set against fellow American Lea Antonopolis but put more pace on her serve in the next few games to take the match in straight sets 6-4, 6-3.

## Thompson voted sportsman of year

LONDON, Nov. 16 (APF) — British athlete Daley Thompson, who in Athens this September added the European decathlon title to his Olympic gold medal was, as widely expected, voted British "sportsman of the year" here Tuesday.

The title of "sportsman of the year" went to pentathlete Wendy Norman, who led the British team to victory in the World Modern Pentathlon Championships in France in August.

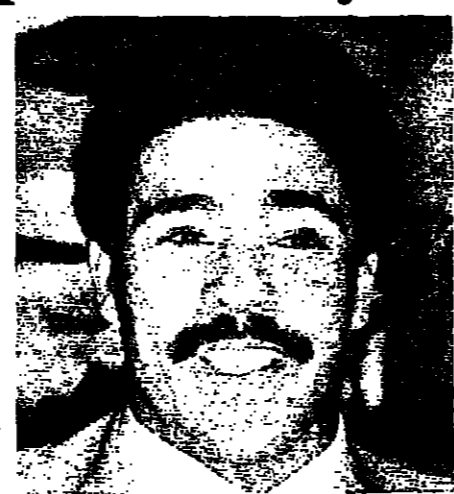
The team title went to world and European figure skating champions, Jayne Torvill — sportswoman of the year in 1981 — and Christopher Dean.

Seventeen-year-old Norman Whiteside of Manchester United, who distinguished himself in the World Cup finals for Northern Ireland was elected newcomer of the year.

Billy Beaumont, former captain of the England rugby union side, who was forced to retire last season through injury, is to receive a special award in recognition of his contribution to the sport.

The awards will be presented to the winners at the annual awards rite of the Sports Writers Association, who organize the annual competition, in London on Nov. 29.

Daley Thompson, who at the European



Daley Thompson

Championships broke the world and Commonwealth records, was elected with a total of 305 votes. He won ahead of two other athletes, Steve Cram (110 votes), 1500 meters gold medalist at last month's Commonwealth Games and the European Championships, and Dave Moorcroft (79), world record holder and gold medalist at 5,000 meters at the Commonwealth Games.



BACK TOGETHER: West German manager, Jupp Derwall, has a word with Bernd Schuster (left) during a training session for the European Soccer Championship tie against Northern Ireland. Schuster returns to the German squad after a 18-month spell in the wilderness.

## In Jock Stein's team

## Sturrock replaces Archibald

BERNE, Nov. 16 (R) — Having conquered World Champions Italy in Rome, Switzerland have high hopes of picking up the pieces of their European Soccer Championship campaign against Scotland Wednesday.

The unpredictable Swiss made a poor start in Group One when they were thrashed 3-0 in Belgium on Oct. 6 but showed their true worth by beating the Italians 1-0 in a friendly three weeks later.

Scotland, slowly rebuilding after a somewhat disappointing World Cup, made a confident start with a 2-0 win over East Germany in Glasgow last month. The morale of the Swiss is at an all-time high and, not surprisingly, manager Paul Wolfisberg has stuck with the 11 heroes of Rome.

That means there is no place in the side for Italian-born midfielder Umberto Barberis, now fully recovered from a broken nose, who missed the trip to Italy due to commitments with his French club Monaco. Barberis will start the game on the substitutes' bench with Raimondo Ponte, who was also born in Italy, retaining his place.

Barberis' initial response was to return to Monaco but Wolfisberg convinced him he could be the joker in the pack and prevailed on him to stay with the squad. The elegant Rene Botteron, also missing against Italy, is again left out and the absence of Switzerland's two big-name foreign exiles has been greeted with relief in the Scots' camp.

Scotland manager Jock Stein, who admits to being pleased that Barberis and Botteron are out, has made just one change to the team which beat the East Germans. Dundee United striker Paul Sturrock, who came on as substitute and scored the second goal, plays from the start in place of Tottenham's Steve Archibald.

The happiest man in the Scottish party was Aberdeen's Gordon Strachan who had a tooth dislodged in a league game at the weekend and has been having difficulty eating and sleeping. But the little midfielder, who has been in sublime form recently, showed no ill-effects in training this morning and was passed fit.

Strachan has emerged as one of the game's biggest personalities and his presence is vital to the Scots. He tore apart the East German defense at Hampden and his runs will pose the Swiss similar problems.

Meanwhile, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia will be fighting for survival when they meet in a vital Group Four tie in Sofia.

There is a mutual lack of optimism in the

two camps as both teams have already dropped points to Norway and the losers can all but kiss goodbye to their hopes of reaching the 1984 finals in France.

The Bulgarians are slightly better off with one point from the 3-2 home draw against the Norwegians, while the Yugoslavs are still licking their wounds after suffering a 3-1 defeat in Oslo, a result called a "national disaster" at home. "It's a crucial match for both teams if we want to retain any chance of making it to France," said Bulgarian manager Ivan Voutsov. "We desperately need to beat Yugoslavia."

But Voutsov's situation is not an enviable one. Veteran defender and captain Georgi Dimitrov is injured as are strikers Mladenov and Kostadinov. The additional fact that his team is built round the players of league champions CSKA Sofia, who were beaten by Sporting Lisbon in the second round of the European Cup, has done little to smooth the wrinkles from his brow.

Nor does Yugoslavia's new manager Todor Veselinovic, who replaced veteran Miljan Miljanic after the team's disappointing World Cup showing in Spain, have much to laugh about. With only three World Cup survivors — goalkeeper Stijak, defender Stojovic and striker Gudelj, he will be relying mainly on young and untried players.

## Koopmans stops Blanchard in eighth

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, Nov. 16 (Agencies) — Rudi Koopmans retained his European light heavyweight boxing title by stopping fellow Dutchman Alex Blanchard in eight rounds here Monday night.

British referee John Coyle stopped the fight in the eighth round of the scheduled 12 rounds. It was the 24-year-old Blanchard's first defeat in 22 fights.

The 34-year-old champion was defending the title he took from Italy's Aldo Travversaro in 1979 for the ninth time. He has now won 40 out of 43 fights.

Blanchard started well and opened a cut under Koopmans' right eye in the second round but from the fourth round Koopmans started to get on top. The champion's corner succeeded in closing the cut and Koopmans battered his opponent throughout the sixth and seventh rounds.

Koopmans caught Blanchard with a right to the head and a left to the kidneys in the middle of the eighth round and with the challenger unable to defend himself referee

## Schuster returns to German squad

BELFAST, Nov. 16 (R) — Northern Ireland may be excused for not joining in the general jubilation when West German soccer star Bernd Schuster ends his 18-month spell in the wilderness at Windsor Park here Wednesday.

Schuster is one of football's most glittering jewels, a dominant force in midfield when West Germany won the 1980 European Championship in Italy and sadly missed when they fell to Italy in the World Cup final this summer.

Owing to differences with manager Jupp Derwall, the Barcelona player has not worn the national colors since May 1981 and it is fitting that he makes his return in the European Championship, the tournament in which he hit the headlines two years ago.

Northern Ireland, who surprisingly reached the second phase in Spain but lost 2-0 to Austria in their opening European Championship Group Six game, would have been happier if Schuster had delayed his return. They will be without the cumbersome but effective Watford striker Gerry Armstrong, who has a fractured ankle, while teenage Manchester United attacker Norman Whiteside has lost all confidence after going 14 games without scoring.

The West Germans, hot favorites to win Group Six and qualify for the 1982 finals in France, have lost a number of players since the World Cup but as a result appear to have a better balanced side. Schuster will take over the midfield general role from Paul Breitner, who, along with Horst Hrubesch, Felix Magath and Klaus Fischer, has retired from the international scene.

European Footballer of the year Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has recovered from injury and is back at his best, as England found to their cost at Wembley last month, while little Pierre Littbarski has emerged as one of the game's biggest personalities.

Key defender Karl-Heinz Foerster will be missing through injury but Derwall has a number of options open to him. He could field Foerster's brother Bernd alongside Gerd Strack, so impressive in the win over England, or play three at the back in front of Real Madrid sweeper Uli Stielike.

Probable teams:

Northern Ireland: Pat Jennings, Jimmy Nicholl, John McClelland, John O'Neill, Mal Donaghy, Martin O'Neill, David McCreery, Sammy McIlroy, Noel Broderston, Billy Hamilton, Norman Whiteside.

West Germany: Toni Schumacher, Uli Stielike, Manfred Kalz, Gerd Strack, Hand-Peter Briel, Bernd Schuster, Lothar Mathias, Stefan Engels, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Klaus Allofs, Pierre Littbarski.

## Coyle intervened

Meanwhile, Boxer Duk Koo Kim clung to life with the aid of a life support system Monday as doctors and a member of the Korean consulate discussed the medical outlook for the critically injured fighter.

"We don't see any sign of brain life," said Dr. Lonnie Hammargren, the neurologist who operated on Kim Saturday after he suffered a critical head injury in a lightweight title bout against World Boxing Association champion Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini at Caesar's Palace.

"We're still doing some tests and we want to wait a couple of days to see how they work out," before disconnecting the life support system, Hammargren said.

Disconnecting the system would bring death to the 23-year-old Kim "within a matter of minutes," Hammargren said. The neurologist said he was consulting other specialists in the Las Vegas area in the tests being conducted.

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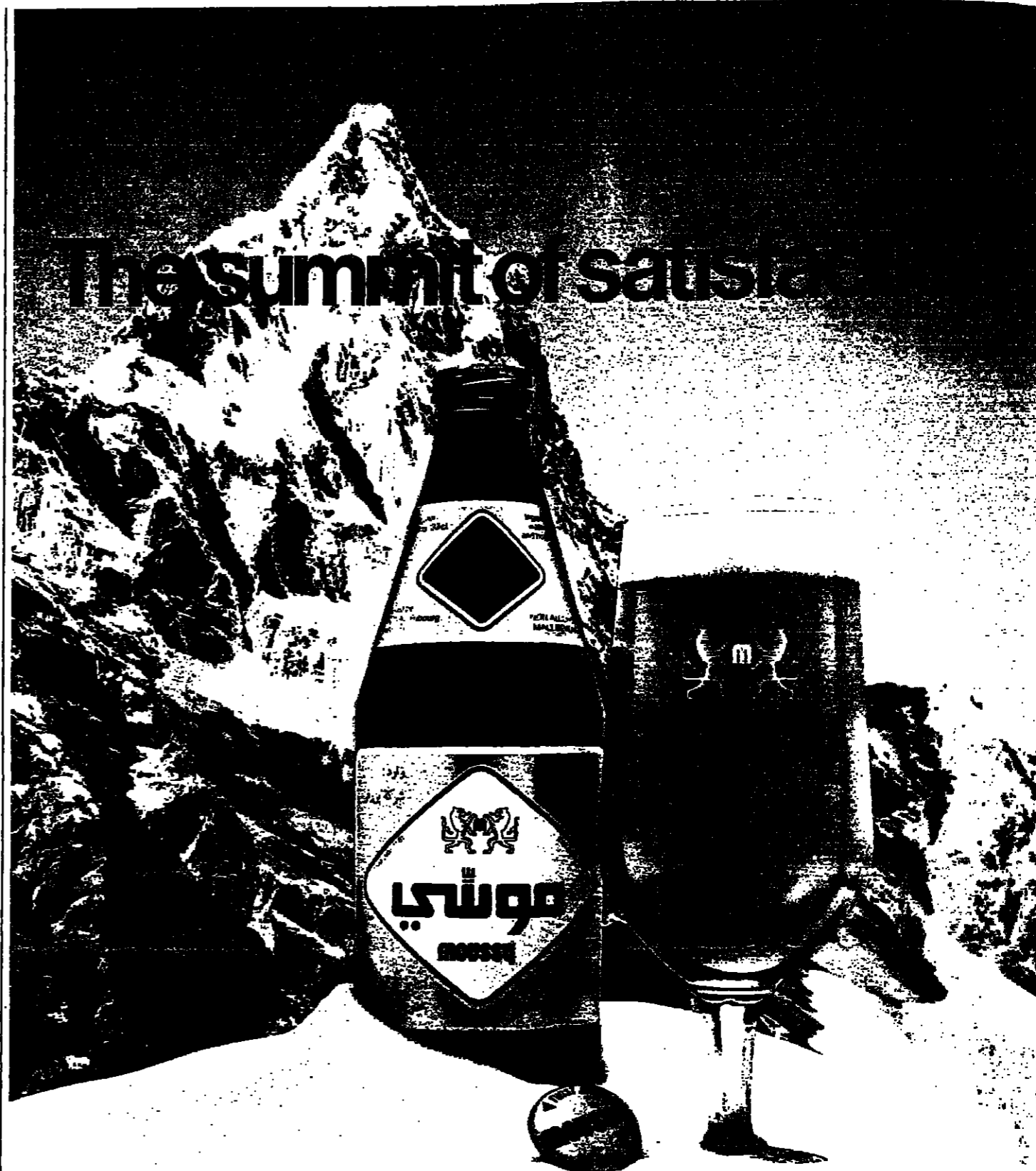


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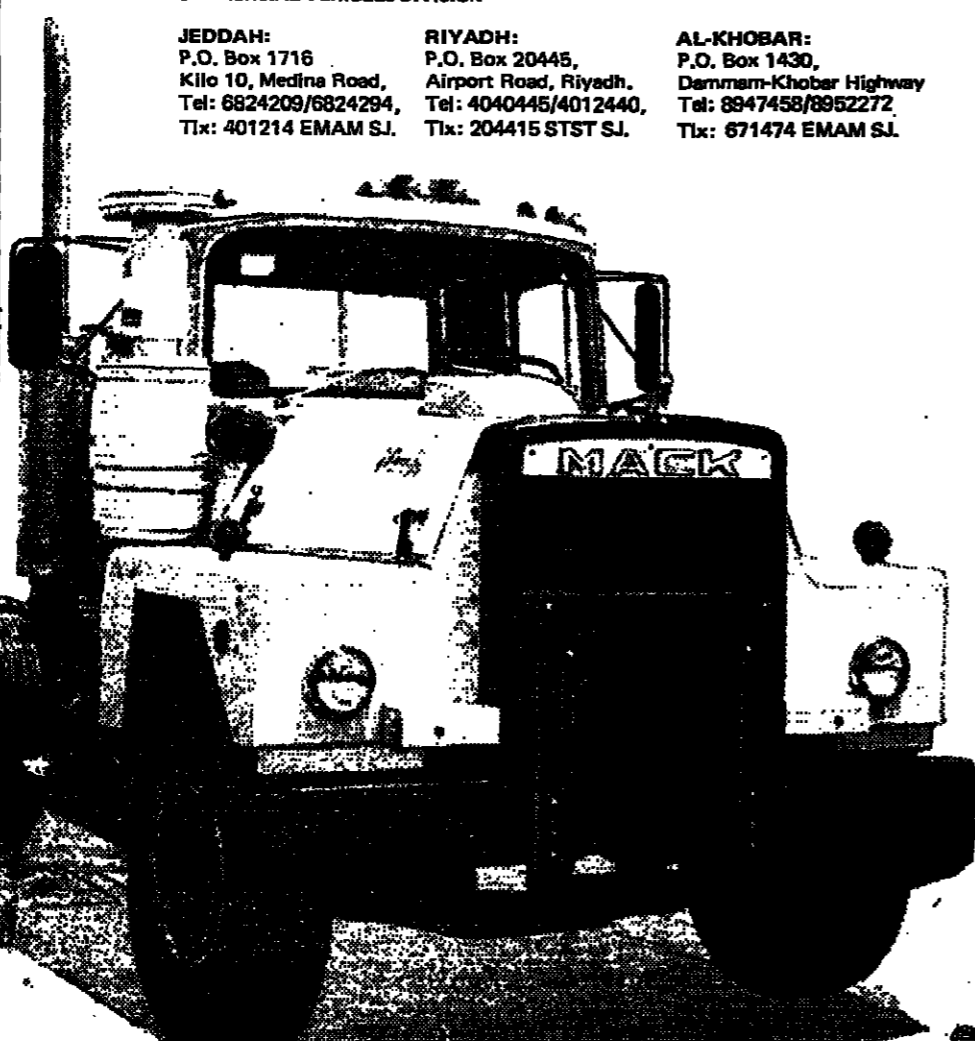
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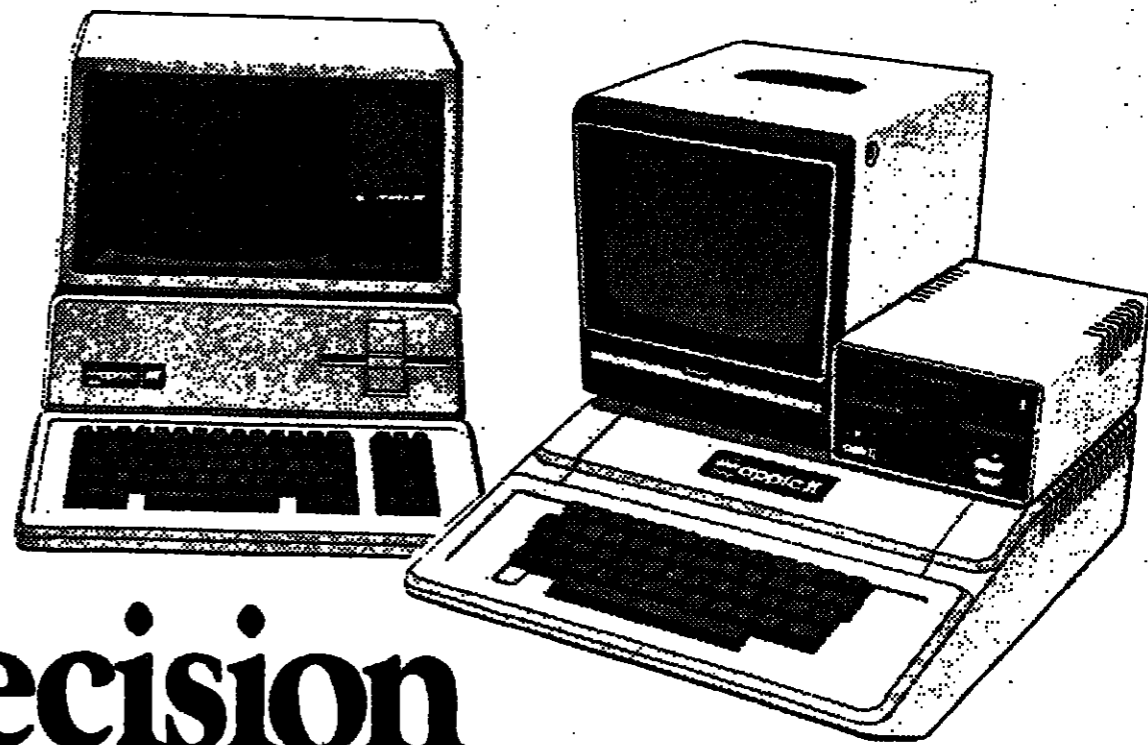
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# Players dispute NFL deal at hand

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (AP) — A settlement was reported near Monday night by a go-between in negotiations to end the eight-week-old U.S. National Football League strike. But the players' chief negotiator said the owners had reneged on parts of their offer and "There is not a deal that is even close."

And Jim Miller, a spokesman for the owners, also said the two sides remained far apart. The conflicting reports came as the league announced contingency plan to resume this season this weekend.

"Sometime this evening we should have an all-inclusive agreement," said Paul Marzha, a former NFL running back and lawyer who was acting as an unofficial mediator. "It is mainly a question of money," he said. "Five or six items remain to be negotiated. We have a long night of bargaining ahead."

Even as Marzha was talking, however, Union chief Ed Garvey was accusing the owners of "union-busting" and pulling back portions of their latest contract offer. "We thought Monday night that maybe we were getting close, but those forces in the management council, who want to defeat the union apparently prevailed again," Garvey said. "I think they were hoping the union would say 'We can't get there, so let's give up.'"

Miller said the owners' negotiators had tried to restructure their \$1.31 billion four-year offer and to clarify ambiguities to meet union objections but "they (the players) are not happy with anything right now."

Tex Schramm, of the Dallas Cowboys, said the season would resume Sunday if an agreement was reached by Wednesday. It would be a 10-game schedule, including makeups on the two weeks missed during the strike and a juggled playoff format.

Schramm said playoff teams would be determined by Conference rather than Division standing and the first two rounds would be squeezed into one week.

Reports swirled that a settlement to the longest and costliest strike in the history of American sports was near, as Marzha shuttled between two downtown hotels where union and management were encamped.

Ed Garvey told reporters during a dinner break that a snag had developed and that management was not bargaining. But Garvey quickly added: "The night is still young."

The strike, the first regular season walkout in NFL history, began Sept. 20. Through Monday, the strike had lasted 56 days, longer than the strike by Major League Baseball players which cut the middle out of the 1981 season. Until the football strike, baseball held the record for the longest strike in sports.



ALL SMILES: Geoff Cobb is all smiles as he admires the bat presented to him by Peter Harris (left), president of the 1395 Club, as a token of remembrance.

## A thriller all the way

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 16 — The exhibition cricket match between 1395 and Cobb XI was a thriller all the way with 1395 ultimately winning by five runs.

The match, arranged as a farewell for Geoff Cobb, who will be leaving the Kingdom, saw 1395, after winning the toss pile up a respectable total of 126 for five in the allotted 22 overs. In reply Cobb XI finished on 128 for eight.

Making first use of wicket, 1395 were off to a whirlwind start with Harris and Veit striking hard. Harris, who was trapped leg before for a well-made 22 was the first to go with the score at 38 in nine overs. Veit, however went on to score a pleasing 33, with Amin chipping in with 31. Leg-spinner, Latham, was the Cobb XI bowler to steal the show with three for 22.

In their venture, Cobb too got off to a good start with Craig 18 and Newell 21 doing

pretty well, but suddenly they lost four quick wickets, raising hopes of a thumping victory for 1395.

But this was not to be for Morris and Speed took control of the situation and played watchful innings, punishing the odd loose deliveries and took the total to 116 with three overs to go. At this stage 1395 captain Mellish took over the attack and had Speed sky-ing the ball for Harris to make a brilliant catch at the expense of a fractured hand.

Mellish then had Cobb's middle-stump cartwheeling a few yards and uprooted Rolleston's stumps with the last ball of the day to see his side through and finish with 3 for 10.

Later at a function held in honor of Cobb, the 1395 Club president, Peter Harris presented Geoff Cobb with a bat as a memento.

Brief scores:  
1395 126 for 5 (Harris 22, Veit 33, Amin 31, Mellish not out 10; Latham 3 for 22) beat Cobb XI 121 for 8 (Craig 18, Newell 21, Morris 38; Ashraf 2 for 26, Mellish 3 for 10).

## Dean Williams scalps another seed

BIRMINGHAM, England, Nov. 16 (AFP) — Dean Williams, a rugged Australian, pulled off a second shock result in successive rounds to reach the final of the World Squash Championships at the National Exhibition Center here Monday night.

The 26-year-old Williams, from Perth, beat the No. 2 seed, Hiddy Jahan of Pakistan, 9-6, 9-2, 0-9, 9-1 and will meet the defending champion, Jahangir Khan, also of Pakistan, in Tuesday night's final worth 4,400 pounds to the winner.

In Sunday's quarterfinals Williams beat another Pakistan ace Qamar Zaman, the No. 3 seed.

In the other semifinal, Khan needed just over half an hour to beat another Australian,

Glen Brumby, 9-1, 9-2, 9-2, completing the last game in just six minutes.

It was an unhappy experience throughout for the 22-year-old Brumby, who had his concentration upset early in the match by interference from the microphone and later by a hold-up when the court had to be swept. "The Polish kept coming out of the cracks and it was difficult to have confidence in the court," explained the Australian.

Brumby went on: "Obviously, the guy who was able to attack first was always going to get well ahead — and that was always Jahangir for he was playing so well."

"I just wish I could have done better," added the Australian who beat Khan on his way to winning the world junior title five years ago when the Asian was barely 14-year-old.

## Killer Bees losing sting in Jeddah Softball

By Naiche Nedni-Apache

JEDDAH, Nov. 16 — After showing some promise last week with successive wins over 'A' Division rivals Lockheed I and BD All Stars, the Killer Bees had mixed fortunes this week in the Jeddah Softball League.

Against the Pratt & Whitney Eagles they were winners, 21-2 but were cast in concrete and kept in the hive by the BD All Stars 3-0. However, the BD All Stars were not jubilant for long as they went down to the Alsalam Meridian Vets. Another home run by Pete "The Beast" Bauers coupled with heads up play making by catcher Rollin Copeland, outfielders Fran Conte, John Lancaster and Corky Mueller has helped keep pitcher Jim Heart at the top of the "A" Division win-loss column.

Their play in conjunction with recent hitting displays by Vet members Joe Schreiber and Gabe Chiroux worked to keep the BD All Star effort nearly "pointless". However, with proven players of the caliber of Steve Gil-

more, Mike Bell, Jim Jordan, Larry Montoya and Fred Casey, the Stars are capable of a big game at any time.

In a heart-breaker of a loss, the Pratt & Whitney Eagles lost to Lockheed I, 3-2. The Eagles were leading throughout the game 2-0 when the Lockheed squad were able to capitalize on two minor throwing errors in the last two innings to overcome the happy but hapless Eagles by a single run. Contrary to what you may have heard on the rumor mill circuit, the contract of Eagle pitcher Jim Williams is not in jeopardy, at this time. This was confirmed by a highly placed source within the "Lockheed" organization.

Action in the "B" Division saw outfielder George Herbert of Sogex rise to the occasion by catching a fly ball for the second out of inning then throw home to nail the runner from third base for the third and final out to end the game by a score of 8-7 over ICAO.

Lockheed II of the Oasis League of the "B" Division remains undefeated following a superb effort to come from behind in the late innings to trim Raytheon ADI 14-12. Other

winners of the "B" Division, Coral League, were the U.S. Corp of Engineers and Pan Am while MOPCI lost two and Whittaker won one and lost one.

In the Oasis League, Raytheon won two and lost one, Mobil was a winner while KAIA and DATAC won one and lost one. Bendix lost two and did not win any while the teachers of PCS continued their instructive ways by losing three out of three.

In the Wadi Division, the Blue Angels finally lost to Safeway Truly Fine, 6-2. The loss of the Blue Angels came on the heels of their fine win over Mobil (W) by the impressive score of 23-2. The Mobil (W) team has had its share of woe this week. After the thrashing they took by the Blue Angels they "bounced" back with a vengeance only to lose a squeaker to Hyatt Touch of Class, 7-6. The winning margin was provided by newcomer V. Lewis who homered in the bottom of the eighth inning to secure the win for Hyatt.

Results:

NOV. 7: Blue Angels 23 Mobil 2; Safeway Truly Fine 13 Corp of Engineers (W) 1; Lockheed II 14 Raytheon ADI 12. NOV. 8: Lockheed II 25 PCS 2; Friedrich Killer Bees 21 Pratt & Whitney Eagles 2; Parsons Daniel 23 DATAC 2. NOV. 9: Safeway Truly Fine 6 Blue Angels 2; Hyatt Touch of Class 7 Mobil (W) 6; Raytheon ADI 15 KAIA 7. NOV. 10: Whittaker 16 MOPCI 15; Pan Am 15 MOPCI 10; Mobil 18 Bendix 4. NOV. 12: KAIA 6 Parsons Daniel 5 (8 innings); Sogex 8 ICAO 7 (8 innings); Raytheon 13 Whittaker 3. Nov. 13: Corp of Engineers 10 Pan Am 1; Lockheed I 3 Pratt & Whitney Eagles 2; Meridian Vets 5 BD All Stars 3. NOV. 14: Corp of Engineers (W) 17 Whittaker (W) 0; Blue Angels 16 Mobil (W) 6; Parsons Daniel 22 Bendix 4. NOV. 15: Raytheon ADI 13 PCS 2; DATAC 7 PCS 4; BD All Stars 3 Killer Bees 0.

## How they stand

"A" Division					Oasis League				
	w	l	rf	ra		w	l	rf	ra
Meridian Vets	4	1	60	30	Lockheed II	4	0	67	30
Lockheed I	6	2	62	30	Raytheon ADI	6	2	97	62
BD All Stars	5	3	81	46	Mobil	3	1	63	36
Killer Bees	4	4	70	45	Parsons Daniel	4	2	87	44
Pratt/Whitney					KAIA	2	3	35	38
Eagles	1	10	47	149	DATAC	2	3	33	35
					Bendix	1	5	36	99
					PCS	0	7	42	96

"B" Division					Wadi Division				
	w	l	rf	ra		w	l	rf	ra
Raytheon R&R	4	0	52	16	Blue Angels	6	1	92	30
Sogex	6	2	80	66	Safeway Truly				
Pan Am	5	2	99	57	Fine	3	1	84	15
Corp of Eng.	2	2	39	33	Hyatt Touch of	5	2	54	36
Whittaker	1	5	41	83	Class				
ICAO	0	3	28	37	Corp of Eng.				
MOPCI	0	4	14	61	(W)	2	3	51	52
					Mobil (W)	1	5	34	105
					Whittaker (W)	0	5	13	90

## Waseem bowls Pak Young to 37-run win

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 16 — Splendid bowling by medium pacer Waseem enabled Pak Young score a 37-run victory over Zahid Tractors in the Abdullah Hashim Cricket tourney last weekend.

In the other match, Petromin began their campaign in the League with a fluent 102 runs victory over Indian Blues.

Pak Young making first use of the wicket, in this 30 overs match, were given a fine start by Rahat and Amjed. Qayum then hit a magnificent 60 runs and Taqeer scored a solid 45 runs to boost the middle order batting and helped them total 242 for seven. Mahmood, being the most successful Zahid Tractor bowler finishing with 4 for 70.

In reply, Zahid Tractors despite the huge task, fought gamely and raised visions of overtaking the target with opener Sohail hitting the Pak Young bowlers all round the wicket. His exit at the individual score of 59, saw a slump in the flow of runs, but in came Rahmatullah, who continued the good work done by Sohail. He used the willow to telling effect for an individual score of 69 before Zahid Tractors crossed the 30-over mark.

His knock of 69 included seven hit to the fence and two splendid sixes.

Waseem was the bowler to catch the eye finishing with a rich haul of five wickets for just 42 runs. Amjed 1 for 30 and Shahid 1 for 43 got the other two wickets.

In the second match of the day, the Indian Blues batsmen display poor performance with the bat and were bundled out for a palty 73 runs giving Petromin, who had piled up 175, a runaway victory.

The batsmen responsible in building up Petromin's total were Javed Ansari (36), Suhail (39), Nawab Chisti (26) and Alam (21). Suhail in particular was very aggressive hitting two consecutive boundaries and two towering sixes in his fighting knock.

Indian Blues, going in to bat were given a bad start and never recovered from that setback before being skittled. The bowler to do all the damage was Ishfaq, who claimed four for 14 in just three overs.

Brief scores:  
Pak Young 242 for 7 (Rahat 38, Amjed 18, Qayum 60, Taqeer 45, Zahid 24 n.o., Mahmood 4 for 70, Sohail Butt 2 for 83) beat Zahid Tractors 205 for 7 (Sohail Butt 50, Rahmatullah 69 n.o., Jaffer Abbasi 17;

Waseem 5 for 42).

Petromin 175 for nine (Omer Ansari 15, Javed Ansari 36, Nawab Chisti 26, Suhail Qureshi 39, Alam 21; Razzak 4 for 28) beat Indian Blues 73 for eight (Shaukat 16, Khan 15; Ishfaq 4 for 14).

## Czechs grab silver

LUCERNE, Nov. 16 (R) — Czechoslovakia Tuesday clinched the silver medal at the Chess Olympiad with a narrow 2.5-1.5 victory over The Netherlands in the final round of the tournament.

The United States agreed to a draw in one of its adjourned games with Sweden and now faces tough competition from Yugoslavia for the third spot. The Soviet Union won the gold medal earlier.

Meanwhile, a Bulgarian player asked for political asylum in Switzerland, according to one of her fellow chess players.

Canadian champion Igor Ivanov, himself a defector from the Soviet Union, told reporters that he escorted Tatiana Lemachko, 34, to the Lucerne police station Tuesday morning, where she fled through interpreters for political asylum.

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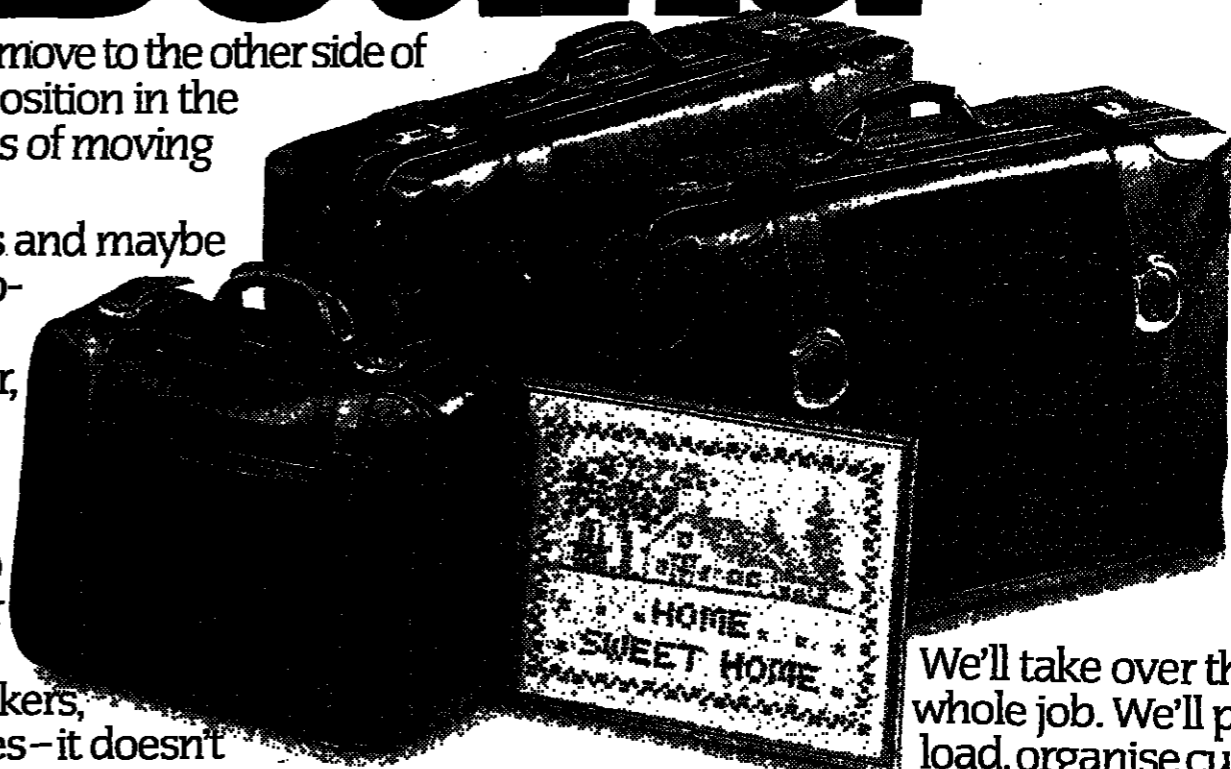
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## Sequel to French denial

## U.S. admits trade accord not finalized

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (AP) — The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan acknowledged that an agreement on East-West trade hasn't been completed even though it was announced by Reagan Saturday when he lifted the controversial pipeline sanctions.

The French government, one of the key prospective participants, is denying it has agreed to anything. French President Francois Mitterrand said Reagan's statement about an agreement did not "correspond to reality."

Administration spokesman said Monday

## Esso to close U.K. refinery

LONDON, Nov. 16 (AFP) — The United States oil company Esso is to close down one of the two big refineries that it owns in Britain because of the recession in the oil market, Esso has announced.

The refinery, at Milford Haven in Wales, has a capacity of 180,000 barrels a day — nine million tons a year. It was inaugurated in 1960, and its close will mean the loss of 290 jobs.

Esso is to keep in operation its refinery at Fowley, near Southampton, which has an annual capacity of more than 13 million tons. Last year Esso closed its refinery at Cologne, West Germany.

the details still not nailed down were minor and they saw no reason to back away from the president's statement that the allies had "reached substantial agreement to a plan of action" for trading with the Soviet Union.

Reagan had said in a nationwide radio address that the agreement made it possible for him to lift the controversial sanctions he had imposed against European firms in June for helping build a Soviet natural gas pipeline.

He said the allies had agreed "not to engage in trade arrangements which contribute to the military or strategic advantage of the U.S.S.R. or serve to preferentially aid the heavily militarized Soviet economy."

Mitterrand told reporters in Paris Monday that lifting of the sanctions, which the Europeans opposed, reflected "good sense." But he added that while France was negotiating with its allies on an East-West trade policy, France is not a part of that which may not even be an agreement.

"We don't want France's independence of decision to be altered by conversations which have not yet been agreed to by responsible authorities," he said.

A diplomat from another European nation, which he did not want identified, said his government also was surprised that Reagan announced the agreement when it hadn't been completed. "It surprised us that it happened all that quickly," he said. But he said his country welcomed the agreement.

## Freight rates record gain in quiet trading

LONDON, Nov. 16 (AFP) — Further small gains in payments for larger bulk-carriers in the grain trade were made on the freight market last week, although rates still failed to exceed the lowest levels paid last year.

Time-chartering remained depressed. Shipping sources suggested that the continuing move into lay-up was at last beginning to produce some sort of balance between supply and demand for certain categories.

On the other hand, however, the latest estimates of Soviet grain production, which show an output slightly better than expected, will have a dampening effect on future Soviet fixing, the sources said. Trading remained generally quiet, and rumors circulated of very cheap rates being paid.

There was one report of a 60,000-tonner paid only \$800 a day for a trip from Japan to Europe, while a 100,000-ton cargo vessel was paid \$1,500 a day for a trip from South Korea via South Africa to Europe. In contrast, a 27,000-tonner was fixed at \$5,600 a day for a trip from Europe to the Middle East.

In the single-voyage grain trade, it was reported but not confirmed that a 54,000-tonner had been booked from the U.S. Gulf to Japan at \$17 for a December cargo — compared with \$14.80 the previous week.

The latest confirmed rate for a similar-sized cargo of U.S. grain to Japan was \$15.60 for November.

## With unemployment soaring

## Wage freeze lies in store for Australians

SYDNEY, Nov. 16 (R) — The Australian government, struggling with rising inflation and the highest unemployment rate in 40 years, is trying to sell the idea of a wage freeze to give the troubled economy a breathing space.

Worried that the country has been paying itself too much, has proposed a 12-month salary freeze for its own employees while advising other workers to curb their wage demands too.

Official figures released recently showed 539,200 people were unemployed in October — 7.8 percent of the total workforce and 33,000 more than in September. An average of 500 jobs a day have disappeared over the past 12 months and the situation is causing increased anxiety in a nation already suffering the effects of one of the worst droughts this century.

The Liberal-National Country Party coalition government has, like most other Western nations, blamed worldwide recession. But it has also attacked workers for seeking ever higher wages. Average adult pay has increased 18 percent over the past year to Australian \$339 (\$317 a week).

Acting Prime Minister Doug Anthony said the government did not plan to impose the proposed income freeze by legislation but would set an example by holding public sector salaries at present levels.

An effective freeze would release hundreds of millions of dollars of government funds for use in employment schemes, he told a press conference.

Employment Minister Ian MacPhee said Australian workers could no longer continue "in this lotus land" and think higher pay

would not mean more unemployment. He warned that nine percent of the work force could be out of work by February as more school leavers entered the job market.

Australia's labor-intensive manufacturing and construction industries are hardest hit by job losses, but steelmaking and coalmining are beginning to feel the pinch too.

A group of steelmen and miners broke into the parliament building in Canberra last month in protest against lay-offs. Farm laborers are also losing jobs as crops wither in the drought. The wheat crop will be half last year 16 million tons and thousands of Hungarian sheep are being shot in the rainless eastern and southern areas of the country.

Australians are not used to such hardship. In the past the country actively encouraged immigration to fill vacancies and once even helped pay immigrants' fares to their new home.

Now the government is deporting more and more people who come here on holiday, overstay their visa periods and start working. Industrialists have welcomed the government's call for a wage freeze, while trade unions have rejected it.

The Labor opposition in the federal parliament has called the proposal a relic of the depression-era over 50 years and has instead appealed for an overall prices and incomes policy.

## Iraq set to get \$500m loan

PARIS, Nov. 16 (AFP) — Iraq, facing grave monetary problems, is set to get \$500 million in Eurocredit and payment facilities, guaranteed by Western states, for major civil equipment projects. These are the first such moves since the Iran-Iraq hostilities began in 1980.

Several large international banks held a meeting Monday in Paris at the offices of the Union des Banques Arabes et Francaises (UBAF) on a \$500 million five-year loan for Rafidain, the Iraqi international trade bank.

Details on remuneration, who is to manage the operation and other aspects are unlikely to be settled for a few days, according to the UBAF which is acting as agent.

Participants at the meeting included Chase Manhattan, Irving Trust and the

Banque Nationale de Paris (BNP) who will probably be managers. UBAF executives said the capital market was already responding well. Reports indicate that the loan is almost fully subscribed, with top Arab banks taking a leading part.

Reports in London last week that, through Rafidain, Iraq was turning to the Eurocredit, raised eyebrows. Although Iraq is not the only country at war to have applied for international payment facilities, financial sources emphasized the risk of becoming involved in credit that might be interpreted by Iran as a political decision.

Prior to the fighting, the payments showed big surpluses, enabling Iraq to build up reserves of \$30 billion to \$35 billion. These have melted to \$15 billion.

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## To avert disaster

## Contain protectionism--OECD

PARIS, Nov. 16 (Agencies) — Emile Van Lennep, secretary general of the 24-nation Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Tuesday warned that current poor economic trends could worsen protectionist pressure still further over the coming months.

In an unprecedented statement, he said it was his "considered opinion" that the danger of "a chain reaction of beggar-thy-neighbor policies with potentially disastrous consequences is now greater than at any time since World War II."

"Nothing could more surely destroy hopes for (economic) recovery than a relapse into the kind of protectionist and self-defeating policies which characterized the 1930's," Van Lennep emphasized.

In his warning, the OECD chief implicitly called on governments to make sure that decisive progress will be achieved at next week's Geneva ministerial meeting of the 14-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) which will seek to contain mounting protectionist pressures and salvage the threatened world multilateral trading system.

Van Lennep backed up his call by stressing that a just-completed OECD secretariat reassessment of the international economic situation "suggests that the forces putting pressures on the open trading system are likely to continue to strengthen: Over the coming months."

He cited four factors: "World trade has suffered its worst setback since World War II, and is expected to remain sluggish for some

time, unemployment is expected to continue to rise in most countries, particularly in Europe, debtor countries will continue to be under strong pressure to improve their trade account, prospects for changes in the present unbalanced pattern of exchange rates between some of the major trading nations remain uncertain."

In its published outlook the OECD said last July that Western industrial nations and Japan should begin a gradual recovery by early next year with gross national product rising by an average 2.5 percent after 0.5 percent growth this year.

But the OECD sources said this relative recovery had now been delayed partly due to

## U.S. trade gap seen at \$ 75b

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (AP) — The United States' foreign trade deficit could soar to \$75 billion next year, more than doubling the current record, a top Treasury Department official has said.

However, Deputy Secretary R. T. McNamara indicated Monday the bad news will be at least partly rooted in the good news of an improving economy at home.

"We have to recognize the fact the United States will lead the global economic recovery, and that next year other nations will grow more slowly than the U.S. — resulting in slower growth in U.S. exports than in U.S. imports," he said.

McNamara's remarks, prepared for delivery at the University of Michigan Business School, marked the first time a Reagan administration official has ventured a public guess on the 1983 merchandise trade deficit.

That deficit has been growing, and Commerce Department officials who compile the figures have said this year's total could surpass last year's \$39.7 billion, possibly

poor demand for OECD products from developing countries, Eastern bloc state and the major oil producing nations during the latter part of this year. "Once again the rainbow has been pushed back over the horizon," one source said.

In growing international efforts to escape from recession Japan and West Germany have recently announced new economic programs.

Last week European Socialist parties, meeting in Paris, called at the instigation of France for a community-wide program of economic expansion to pull the continent out of recession.

threatening the \$44.4 billion record of 1978. Commerce's chief economist, Robert Ortner, said Monday that the current high value of the U.S. dollar relative to other nation's currencies also has helped push up the deficit by making it more expensive for foreigners to buy U.S. goods and less expensive for Americans to buy imports. However, he said, the \$75 billion estimate "sounds very high."

McNamara estimated a \$40 billion deficit for this year, up from last year's \$27.8 billion shortfall, and Ortner said "that base may be a little high" as a starting place for estimating next year's deficit.

He said he doubted that the U.S. dollar would be robust enough to sustain such a large deficit, and he added that he expected Europe's economies "to do better than some people think," thereby possibly improving U.S. exports.

McNamara's exact words were, "the U.S. trade deficit will grow substantially — from about \$40 billion in 1982 to perhaps \$75 billion in 1983."

## BRIEFS

BOGOTA, (AFP) — The government decreed Monday that no Colombian individual or company could hold more than 20 percent of the shares or capital of any bank or financial firm. The decree, effective next Jan. 1, gave big shareholders a five-year limit for reducing their holdings, in line with President Betancur's democratization program.

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — The final round of textile talks between the European Economic Community (EEC) and Hong Kong, set for Wednesday were in jeopardy here Tuesday. The negotiators made contact Tuesday, EEC officials said, and prospects for a bilateral agreement on imports from Hong Kong were anything but bright.

LONDON, (AFP) — The British chemical group ICI announced a new ammonia process that cuts costs by 15 or 20 percent. Ammonia, used mainly in chemical fertilizers, is produced at a far lower pressure than hitherto, so that natural gas consumption is reduced by about one-third. The process is being patented internationally.

LONDON, (AFP) — A sharp drop in

## Invest more to hike jobs, EEC urged

BRUSSELS, Nov. 16 (R) — France called Tuesday for a major investment drive to provide jobs for some of the European Economic Community's 11 million unemployed, but officials said it got a lukewarm reception from many of its nine partners.

At talks convened to discuss the worst unemployment situation since World War II, French Finance Minister Jacques Delors warned that Western Europe risked falling into "a deflationary spiral."

He called on the joint meeting of finance and employment ministers to boost investment in job-creating industries by at least one percent of their national wealth.

But officials said the Bonn and London governments were skeptical about the French plan.

New West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg said 80 percent of investment in his country was private, leaving little scope for government intervention.

## India, Pakistan to bolster trade

KARACHI, Nov. 16 (AP) — Indian and Pakistani businessmen signed a memorandum of understanding to expand bilateral trade, the Indian delegation head said.

V.P. Puri, leader of the Indian businessmen delegation, told reporters in Karachi Monday that the memorandum "is a beginning in the right direction and would help promote bilateral trade and economic cooperation between the two countries in the private sector."

The document, he added, symbolizes the willingness of businessmen in the two countries to expand trade for their mutual benefit. He said the two sides will meet every three months to sort out problems and review general trade relations, as provided by the memorandum.

The Indian delegation was comprised of representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry from the Indian states of Punjab, Haryana and Delhi. The delegation concluded their two-week tour of Pakistan and is returning to India Tuesday.

## U.S. wholesale prices rise 0.5%

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (R) — U.S. wholesale prices, as measured by the producer price index for finished goods, rose a seasonally adjusted 0.5 percent in October, the Labor Department said.

The increase followed a decline of 0.1 percent in September and left the index at 284.1 percent of its 1967 base of 100, or 3.6 percent higher than a year ago.

The Labor Department said October's increase in wholesale prices translated into a 5.7 percent annual inflation rate.

## Dollar rates fall slightly

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Nov. 16 — The dollar fell back slightly in Europe Tuesday due to profit-taking and a feeling that the U.S. Federal Reserve Board might cut its discount rate this week. The release of the latest U.S. weekly money supply figures, which showed a \$2.7 billion rise in the M1 aggregates, did not affect the dollar with the markets having already discounted the major exchange rates for a much higher figure.

Eurodollar deposit rates did more higher, however, and the one-month rate was quoted at 9 15/16 - 10 percent while the three-month rate was quoted at 10 1/16 - 10 5/16 percent — up by 1/4 percent over Monday levels. The Federal Reserve's "Fed fund" prime lending rate remained steady around 9 percent with the "Fed" not entering into any major money market transactions.

In the bullion markets, gold and silver prices edged higher than lower as dealers tried to analyze the implications of the money supply rises on U.S. interest rates in general. Gold prices were steady, however, at the \$406 to \$408 levels, but reports of some central bank selling of gold helped to push prices down later Tuesday. Silver prices were generally weaker with the New York markets closing at \$9.53 an ounce but with Tuesday seeing prices fall even further to \$9.43 an ounce.

In the local markets, rial spot exchange rates were quiet for a change, with prices of

3.4403-08 being the order of the day. This compares to 3.4410-15 levels reached the previous Tuesday when the dollar was storming the markets. Dealers reported moderate buying interest out of the Bahrain based OBU's — offshore banking units — as well as local traders.

In the money markets, rial deposit rates were mixed and the major activity was concentrated in the short-dated funds. Week-long rial deposit were quoted at 9% - 9% down slightly over Monday's 9% - 10 percent high levels. The one month JIBOR was also down to 9% percent from Monday's 9% percent levels, while in the longer tenors the one-year rate was quoted at 10-10% percent. Dealers were divided in their opinion on whether rial rates would remain at their present levels or not, but the majority were still inclined toward seeing rial rates remaining stable for some time to come.

In Europe, the British pound fell to new record lows of 1.6255 levels from 1.6380 on Monday. Despite some moderate Bank of England support, sterling continued to come under pressure on the exchanges based on long-term balance of payments expectations. The German mark and the Swiss currency on the other hand rose to higher levels against the dollar to trade at 2.5760 and 2.2050 respectively. The yen continued its upward pressure and gained more than 300 points of trade at 264.05 levels from 267.90 on Monday. Despite these losses the dollar remains relatively high against most currencies.

## Volkswagen incurs \$60m loss

BONN, Nov. 16 (R) — A slump in sales on the U.S. market helped produce heavy losses for Volkswagen in the first nine months of the year, the West German car company said Tuesday.

The group, which is Western Europe's leading car maker and West Germany's second biggest employer, reported a hefty 146 million marks (\$60 million) loss after a small profit in the same period of 1981 — and financial analysts say Volkswagen's profit prospects, like the car market, are unlikely to improve before mid-1983.

A combination of unsuccessful takeovers, top management changes and problems at overseas subsidiaries have hit a company already suffering from a worldwide fall in car sales.

Volkswagen's recent troubles started when it bought the typewriter and computer company, Triumph-Adler, in March 1979 in an attempt at diversification. But Volkswagen's proven expertise in the car market did not work in the electronics sector.

Finance Director Friedrich Thome, who had backed the Triumph-Adler takeover, resigned last October following work-force cuts and losses at the subsidiary which led Volkswagen to report its first quarterly loss since 1975.

Only 10 days after Thome's departure,

Volkswagen's chief executive Toni Schmuckler, who had dragged the firm from the brink of bankruptcy in the mid-1970s, was forced to resign for health reasons. Schmuckler was succeeded by Carl Hahn, previously head of the country's largest tire-maker Continental.

Volkswagen sales in the U.S. have fallen 35 percent in 1982 mainly because buyers have not transferred their affection to recent models from the popular beetle, no longer available in the U.S.

## U.S. bank raises prime rate to 12%

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (AFP) — Chemical Bank, the seventh largest in the United States, Tuesday lifted its prime interest rate from 11.5 to 12 percent, coming in line with the rest of the banking sector.

Chemical Bank cut its prime, the interest rate offered by banks to their most credit-worthy customers, from 12 to 11.5 percent Oct. 22, but the move was not followed by other major banks.

Analysts attributed Tuesday's move to the latest growth in the U.S. money supply, and to the increase in interest rates on short-term treasury bonds.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:40 p.m. Tuesday

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Bahraini Dinar	9.10	9.135
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Canadian Dollar		281.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	134.00	133.75
Dutch Guilder (100)	123.30	123.15
Egyptian Pound	3.35	3.34
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.25	93.70
French Franc (100)	47.50	47.35
Greek Drachma (1,000)		47.15
Indian Rupee (100)		34.95
Iranian Rial (100)		
Israeli Sheqel	6.29	
Italian Lira (10,000)	23.40	23.30
Japanese Yen (1,000)		13.00
Jordanian Dinar	4.45	9.41
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.75	11.725
Lebanese Lira (100)	84.50	84.35
Moroccan Dirham (100)	51.75	53.85
Pakistani Rupee (100)	29.25	27.08
Philippine Peso (100)		35.15
Riyal Saudi (100)	5.63	5.60
Saudi Riyal (100)	93.50	94.56
Singapore Dollar (100)		155.45
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	30.20	28.70
Swiss Franc (100)	156.60	156.40
Syrian Lira (100)	60.25	60.42
Turkish Lira (1,000)		
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Yemeni Rial (100)	75.25	75.10

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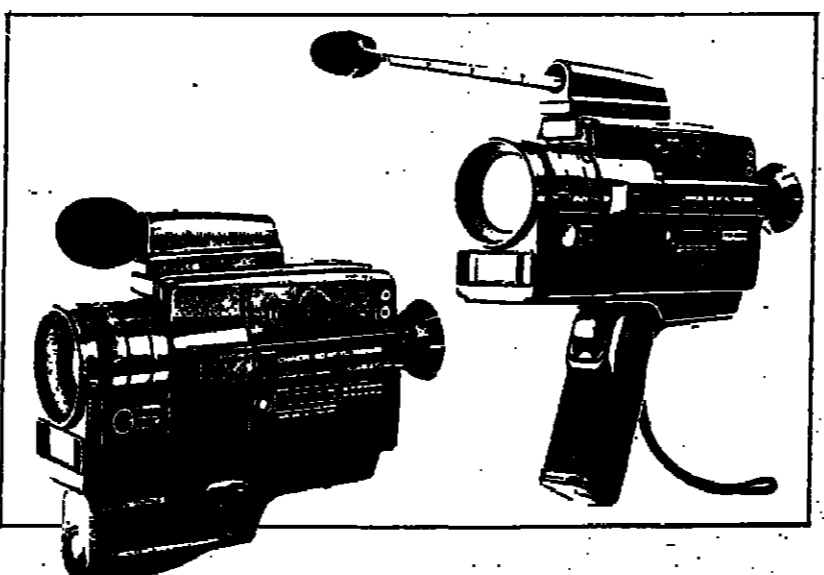
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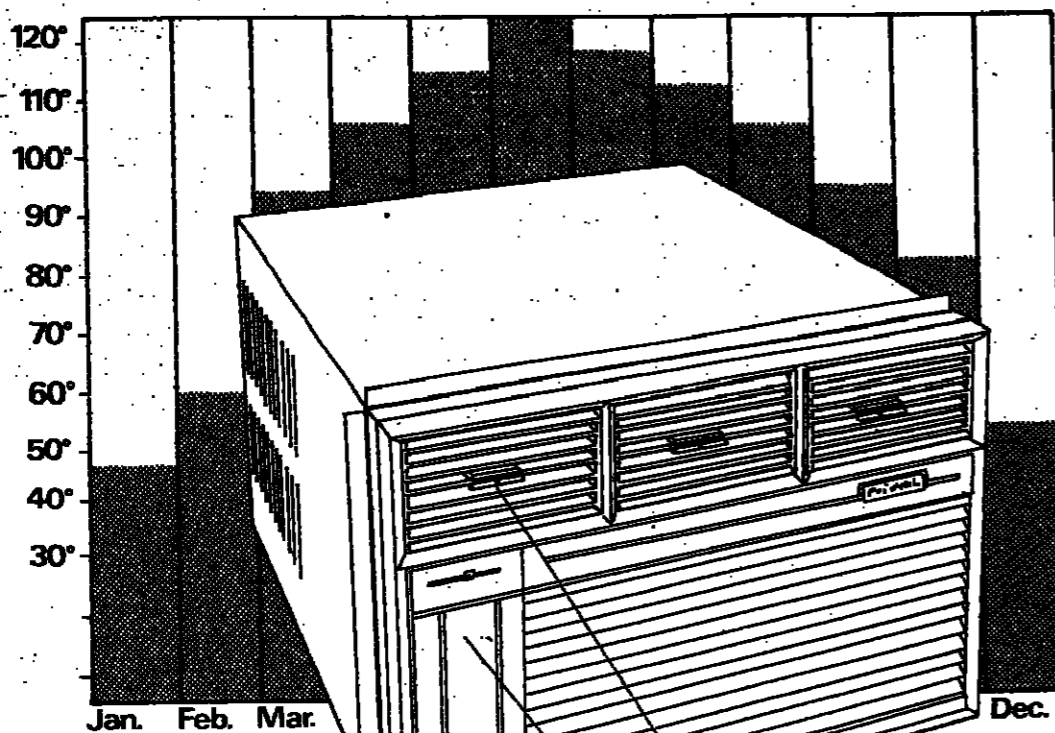
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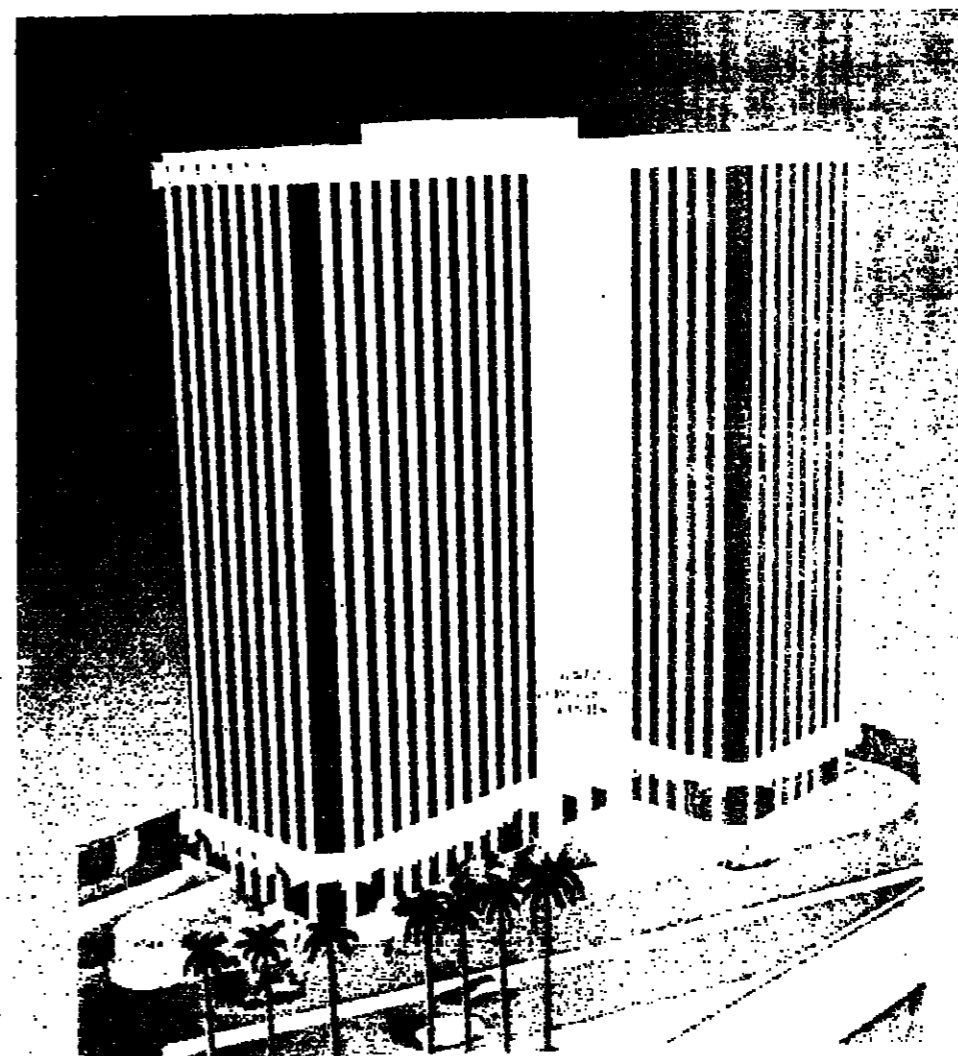


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## Kohl recommends U.S.-Soviet summit

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, on a goodwill mission to the United States, has suggested that President Reagan meet personally with the new Soviet leadership. Kohl said he should meet with the new leaders, but only after careful preparation. Kohl told a press conference Monday night following a private dinner with the president.

The two leaders had earlier issued a joint statement saying they wanted to improve relations with the Soviet Union following the death of Leonid Brezhnev and his replacement with Yuri Andropov, the former KGB intelligence chief.

But the two men said they would work to strengthen the conventional and nuclear forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and reaffirmed their agreement to base 108 Pershing medium-range nuclear missiles in West Germany beginning next year.

Kohl, who said his first visit to Washington as West German chancellor was intended to bolster West German-American ties, maintained that goal had been made easier by Reagan's decision Saturday to lift U.S. sanctions on the Soviet-West European natural gas pipeline.

The arrival ceremony for Kohl at the White House Monday was extremely warm, with the chancellor telling Reagan: "In the Federal Republic of Germany, there is widespread confidence in the Atlantic partnership (and) you can count on your German friends." Reagan replied equally warmly, saying that West Germany was on the "front lines of freedom."

Kohl said at the press conference that Bonn's decision to increase military spending next year by less than one percent, after inflation was taken into account, was "not a

specific issue" in his talks with Reagan. U.S. officials have said the administration is concerned about West Germany's failure to meet its commitment to three percent real growth in military spending next year, and this question was expected to come up in talks between congressional leaders and Kohl Tuesday.

In their joint communique Reagan and Kohl said it would be dangerous to peace if a U.S. congressional proposal to cut the 355,000 U.S. troops in Europe by 20,000 were enacted.

## Kids smuggled into Hong Kong

HONG KONG, Nov. 16 (AP) — Hundreds of Chinese immigrants are having their children smuggled into Hong Kong in dangerous boat trips to avoid waiting several years for official clearance, authorities said Tuesday.

Police spokesman Akber Khan said the children are hidden under large piles of vegetables or other products in the boats by child smuggling racketeers, known in Chinese here as "snakeheads."

"The chances of children getting suffocated or being crushed in rough seas are very real," he added in an interview. In one case, Khan said, two children were drowned because they were too unruly.

To ensure maximum profits, snakeheads usually "cramp" as many children as possible in their tiny boats, he said. In September, police found the body of a 3-year-old at sea after a boat carrying nine young immigrants from China capsized just outside Hong Kong harbor.

"When payment is not forthcoming or if the parents cannot be contacted, some children have been dumped and left to fend for themselves," Khan said. He said a number of young children have been found wandering in the hills or abandoned inside run-down huts in the past year.

Available police statistics show about 3,000 children — mostly under the age of 10 — were smuggled into Hong Kong since October 1981 when the first child trafficking case was discovered. Police said most of those children came to join their parents who arrived in the British colony several years ago as illegal immigrants and later established legal residence.

Police said parents are paying snakeheads the equivalent of \$1,045 to transport each of their children. Immigration authorities said the parents should have asked government permission for their children to settle in Hong Kong but one official admitted privately that "going through proper channels means a wait of several years."

Sources close to the department said all the youngsters will be allowed to stay for "humanitarian reasons." Hong Kong allows 150 legal immigrants from China each day and sources close to the immigration department said there are tens of thousands of people hoping to immigrate on the other side of the border.

## Space shuttle has perfect landing

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, California, Nov. 16 (AP) — U.S. space shuttle *Columbia* broke through desert cloud cover at dawn Tuesday and returned to Earth for the fifth time in just 19 months. The mission milestone: Establishing the American ship as a commercial cargo carrier.

Landing was smooth and right on the centerline. Mischievously, Cmdr. Vance Brand asked mission control: "Are we down now? Are we on the ground?" The reply: "Absolutely. It was beautiful."

"You certainly lived up to your motto. Welcome home," said ground communicator Roy Bridges. "Yes sir. We deliver," said Vance Brand.

We deliver. That was the NASA slogan, in orbit and on earth, all through the flight. At one point, after deploying two commercial satellites, the cargo handlers waved a sign that added: "Fast and courteous service."

The crew arrived home elated with the satellite deployments, but disappointed by a canceled space walk. Landing seemed invigorating, and everyone was full of wisecracks as work crews "safed" the vehicle.

Tuesday's was the ship's fifth perfect landing after five perfect launches. Brand guided *Columbia* through high clouds and calm winds, sun sparkling off the craft, to touch down on runway 22, a 15,000-foot concrete skirt that sits on California's Mojave Desert.

For re-entry, mission specialist Joseph Allen rode in the cockpit, while William Lenoir strapped himself into a seat on a lower deck. He and pilot Robert Overmyer got the "go for deorbit burn" early Tuesday morning, and at 1333 GMT they triggered the rockets high above the Indian Ocean. "On time, good burn," confirmed Brand as the ship headed into earth atmosphere.

The braking rockets slowed the shuttle's 17,400-mile-an-hour orbital speed and started it from 184 miles high on a long, blazing descent back to Earth. *Columbia* plunged into the thickening atmosphere on a course that took it over the Pacific north of Hawaii and across the California coast. It kicked up dust to end a postcard-perfect landing.

Mission control "woke" the astronauts before midnight, California time, to the music, "Take Me Home, Country Roads." Joe Allen asked, "Is that runway 22 in West Virginia?"

Before descent began, Bridges told Brand that conditions were "a little less than we'd like," with a high cloud deck and moderate winds. "Doesn't sound ideal, but doesn't sound too bad," Brand said. "We'll be alert to pull our nose up a little bit and bring boards in if required" to slow *Columbia* down. It wasn't necessary, although Brand took the controls far sooner than originally planned to bring the ship through the clouds.

Near the desert air base, an estimated crowd of 50,000 braved chilly temperatures



DEFECTIVE SUIT: A space suit engineer at the Houston space center, checks a space suit identical to the one that astronaut Joe Allen has aboard the space shuttle. Allen's suit failed because of a malfunctioning cooling fan, thus canceling the space walk for Monday.

to view the landing. Thirty minutes after touchdown, the astronauts Brand, Overmyer, Allen and Lenoir stepped from the ship that had been their home for five days. Waving and smiling, they bounced jauntily, one after the other, down a stair ramp and made a walkaround inspection of *Columbia*.

With more than 10 million miles on *Columbia*'s odometer, the safe return crowned five flights over 19 months for the world's first

reusable spacecraft and its owner, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. *Columbia* is now scheduled for an overhaul and the next three flights will be flown by *Challenger*, now completing final modifications.

Brand, Overmyer, Allen and Lenoir returned in triumph despite the cancellation of Monday's space walk, derailed by technical faults in NASA's new 2-million-dollar space suits.

## U.S. senator wants troop cutback in Europe

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (AP) — In a preview of an expected Senate debate, Sen. Ted Stevens said Monday the United States must cut back its troops in Europe promptly rather than wait the outcome of arms talks.

The Alaska Republican's remarks, prepared for a session of the military committee of the North Atlantic Assembly in London, were sharply at odds with a statement from Sen. Charles H. Percy, Republican-Illinois. Percy, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he would fight "with all my energy and effort" against a troop reduction that has been proposed by the Senate appropriations committee.

Stevens was a principal architect of that proposal as chairman of the subcommittee on defense appropriations. The defense appropriations bill, including the troop reduction, is expected to reach the Senate floor after Congress reconvenes on Nov. 29.

The House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee was meeting in closed session Monday to draft its version of the Pentagon spending bill. The Senate version calls for \$233.4 billion in spending, with all major weapons projects intact but the number of troops in Europe reduced by 20,000. Stevens said that

if the United States does not control the spiraling costs of its NATO forces it will risk damaging cutbacks in U.S. defense spending in future sessions of Congress.

"We have to face reality," he said. "The trend and cost of the U.S. commitment and the manpower deployed in Europe have

surged upward. Those of us who have supported our NATO commitment must take the responsibility for leveling off those costs or we will face demands in Congress that the commitment itself be reduced."

Percy said unilateral withdrawal of U.S. forces now "could spell disaster" for current talks aimed at reducing conventional forces in Europe. Stevens, however, said those talks were under way when Congress debated an earlier proposal to cut back U.S. troop strength in Europe in the early 1970s. "No progress has been made in those talks in the intervening 11 years, but we are asked to await their outcome," he said.

Stevens said the troop restrictions recommended by the Senate Appropriations Committee do not require any wholesale withdrawal of U.S. forces, but a reduction by attrition to levels established at the beginning of 1981.

He said U.S. troops stationed in Europe have increased by nearly 60,000 since the earlier congressional debates over NATO forces. During the same period, he said, central European forces declined by 66,000. He said Defense Department figures show that U.S. spending for NATO has leaped from \$78 billion in 1981 to a projected \$133 billion in 1983.

"Common sense requires those of us in the Senate who want a strong defense and a strong NATO to take the lead in adjusting defense spending," Stevens said. "If we do not, we will be replaced in Congress by people who come to office dedicated to drastic defense cuts."

## Center to halt N-war proposed

LONDON, Nov. 16 (R) — U.S. Sen. Henry Jackson called for a joint U.S.-Soviet consultation center to prevent a nuclear war starting by accident, error or misunderstanding. He proposed that the center should be constantly staffed at some mutually agreeable place.

Sen. Jackson said it would supplement, not replace, the 20-year-old "hot line" teleprinter link between Washington and Moscow. "We need additional arrangements for keeping matters from getting out of hand when one side has reason to question the intentions, and especially the nuclear intentions, of the other," the Washington state Democrat said in London.

Sen. Jackson, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, told the political committee of the North Atlantic Assembly that the consultation center could be instantly alerted when incidents occurred that could spill over into nuclear war.

## Silence prevails on African swap

LUSAKA, Zambia, Nov. 16 (AP) — Amid a flurry of activity at Lusaka Airport, diplomats were silent Tuesday about the scheduled swap of three Soviets for three Angolans held in Angola.

On Monday, anti-Marxist Angolan guerrillas released two Soviet airmen deep in the bush of southern Angola into the custody of the Red Cross, a third Soviet held by South Africa was to join them, and the three were to be taken to Lusaka Airport to be traded there for the three Angolans.

Also involved in the swap were a Cuban held by South Africa, the bodies of three South African soldiers held by Angola, a number of Angolan troops captured by South Africa and a Roman Catholic archbishop taken prisoner by the Angolan guerrillas.

The complex exchange was to have taken place Monday, but Western and African diplomats said timing problems apparently held up the trade. Zambian Air Force helicopters flew over the airport, expected to be the site of the twice-postponed prisoner exchange. An Angolan civilian jetliner was parked near the terminal and a South African charter flight was expected to arrive later in the day.

Soviet-backed Angola is involved in two guerrilla wars. One is the struggle against anti-Marxist guerrillas who control the southeastern part of the country.

## Bush arrives for parleys with Mugabe

HARARE, Nov. 16 (R) — U.S. Vice President George Bush arrived in Zimbabwe from Moscow on Tuesday to resume an African tour interrupted by the death of Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev. He was met at Harare Airport by deputy Prime Minister Simon Muzenda, a 19-gun salute and a display by tribal dancers before being driven to the capital by armored limousine for a courtesy call on acting President Nolan Makombe.

Zimbabwe, a major beneficiary of American aid, was welcoming its first major visitor from a superpower in style, but some blunt talking was expected to take place behind the ceremonial. Zimbabwe, which has been independent for two years, accuses South Africa of sabotaging its development and believes the Reagan administration is too friendly with the white-ruled republic whose economic and military power dominate the region.

Bush, who begins talks with left-wing Prime Minister Robert Mugabe, will also hear complaints during his two-day stay that U.S. reluctance to be tough with Pretoria encourages it to drag its feet over independence for neighboring Namibia (Southwest Africa).

Mugabe is a key member of the so-called "front line" of black African states most concerned by South African regional policies. The front-liners accuse President Reagan's administration of being too sympathetic to the white-ruled republic. "We refuse to believe the United States has no means of pressuring South Africa. We think it has and should use its influence," a Zimbabwe government spokesman told Reuters.

The front line states — Zimbabwe, Zambia, Angola, Mozambique, Botswana and Tanzania — believe South Africa is dragging its feet over independence for Namibia and waging an undercover regional war of destabilization in order to keep its black neighbors economically dependent.

Zimbabweans are critical of Washington's support for a \$1.04 billion International Monetary Fund (IMF) loan to South Africa. They also resist any linkage between the presence of Cuban troops in Angola and a South African withdrawal from Namibia, which it rules in defiance of most of the world.

Before he left the United States Bush said he thought a Namibian deal would be impossible unless the Cubans go home. Mugabe will also want to discuss American aid to Zimbabwe, whose postwar economic boom has petered out. The United States has supplied \$163 million worth of assistance — mostly grants — since independence and is considering a further \$150 million by 1984.

## America seeking Portuguese base

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (AP) — Defense officials, seeking more way stations for the U.S. Rapid Deployment Forces, are eyeing Portugal as the possible stopover for the planes flying American troops and equipment to the Gulf in a crisis. "We are interested in gaining access to facilities at Beja, possibly for refueling said an official who declined to be identified. Beja is a town in southern Portugal.

The U.S. government has not officially acknowledged such an aim, but it is understood that the possibility has been raised with Portuguese officials.

A major objective of the United States has been to win a renewal of agreement giving U.S. rights to use Lajes Air Base on the Portuguese-owned Azores in the Atlantic. The present agreement covering Lajes was due to run out in February.

Ever since the United States turned its attention to develop a facility to send forces quickly to the Gulf and Indian Ocean region, the administrations of the former President Jimmy Carter and President Ronald Reagan have sought bases in the region.

A key base for the Rapid Deployment Force has been established on the British-owned island of Diego Garcia, in the Indian Ocean, where the United States has anchored cargo ships loaded with equipment for a Marines brigade that could be flown to the Gulf area if an emergency erupted there. Construction of permanent installations on Diego Garcia are well advanced.

Deputy Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci, a former U.S. ambassador to Portugal, recently visited Lisbon as part of the preliminaries to formal negotiations over the Lajes base renewal and possibly increased U.S. military and economic aid to Portugal in return.

## Pretoria, Taipei to cement links

PRETORIA, Nov. 16 (APF) — South Africa and Nationalist China Taiwan have agreed to strengthen and extend economic and technical cooperation at the end of a bilateral ministerial conference held here, it was announced Tuesday.

Yao-Tung chao, the Taiwanese economic minister who led his government's deputation during an official six-day visit to South Africa, said the two countries had decided to embark on a number of new programs, involving wider cooperation in the fields of agriculture, telecommunications, transport, science and technology.

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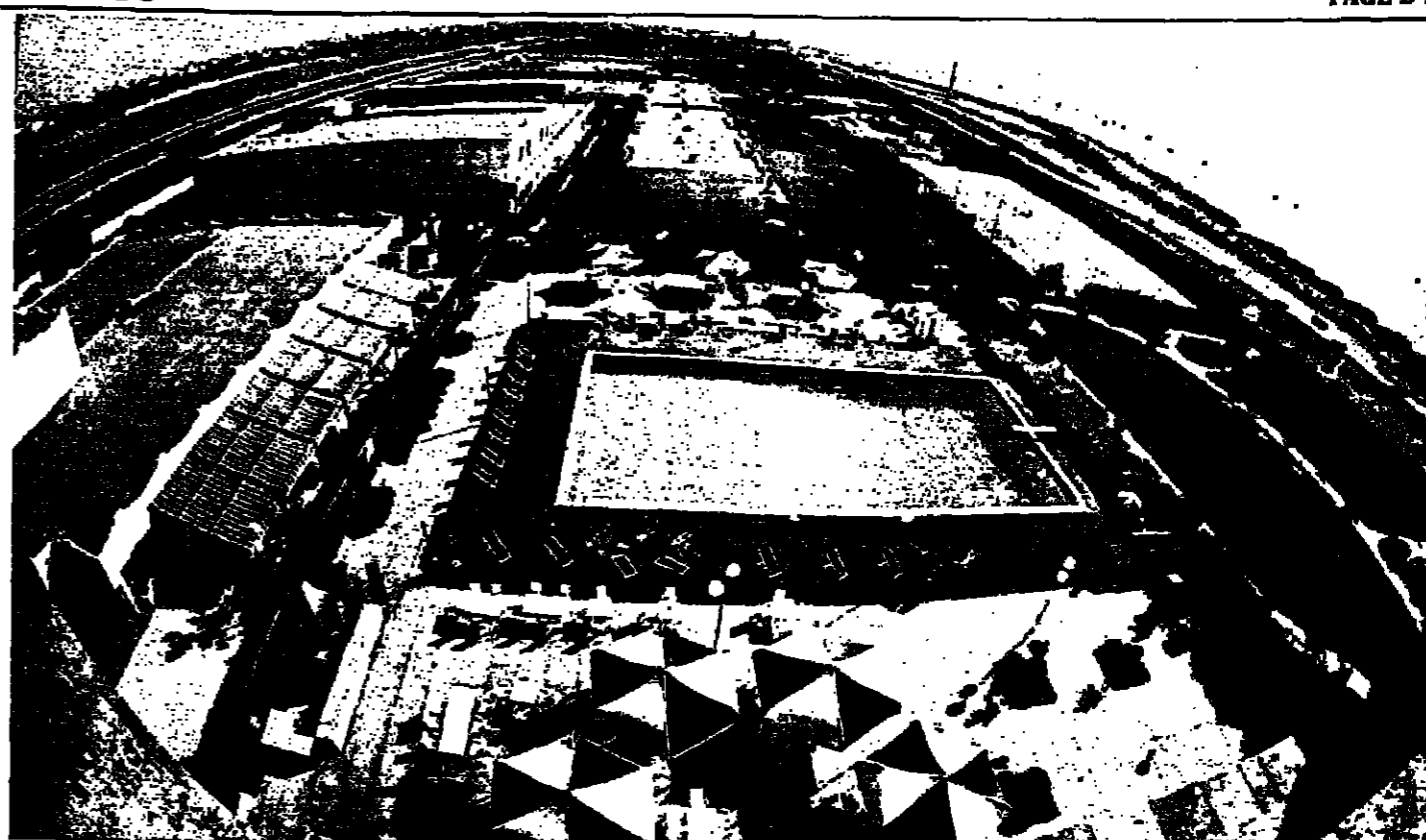
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RURAL SETTING: Set against the background of tropical ambience, the air conditioned bungalows in the Al Bilad compound exude a rural charm. Right: An aerial view of the Al Bilad Hotel with its swimming pool in the center. Below, left: Proximity to the Red Sea gives the hotel some advantages to which is added the beauty of a tropical garden. Below, right: A narrow path to the beach lined by lush greenery.



## A holiday resort on the shore of the Red Sea

By A.M. Fakkar Koya  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH — First impressions are not always the best. Very often, they can be highly misleading as this reporter was to learn as he went further and further beyond the very urban facade of Al Bilad hotel here.

Seen from the outside, it is just like any other first class hotel except that it commands a magnificent view of the Red Sea: a beautiful, multistoried building with all the paraphernalia appropriate to an urban setting. Even the entrance and the reception area with the shop offering home-made delicacies and the stall selling newspapers and all the arrangements for ticket booking, car renting and telex and secretarial services and the adjacent coffee house look so familiar and common in appearance. But beyond that you will see surprises galore.

Part of a network of more than 100 Swiss Movenpick hotels spread over Switzerland, West Germany, France, Egypt, Kuwait, Japan, Canada and the United States, Al Bilad is situated on the shore of the Red Sea, fast taking shape as a tourist attraction. It is very close to the new King Abdulaziz International Airport (10 minutes' drive; 20 minutes' drive from the city center).

The gentle touch of the cool breeze is always there to remind you of the hotel's close proximity to the Red Sea. Adding to this superb locational advantage is the tropical gardens amidst which the rooms and the bungalows are set and the open grounds where the tennis courts and the swimming pool are located.

The general manager, Anton Good, said that the gardens and the open grounds account for nearly half the total area of roughly 10,000 square miles occupied by this six-story hotel. The landscape may not be a rich weave of greens. But every effort has been made to provide the whole area with a semblance of vegetation. There are enough plants and flowers, neatly trimmed and well maintained, forming masses of color all around. Even the park benches have flowers of different colors as their backdrops.

This lovely setting together with a rich variety of recreational, sports and other facilities offered make Al Bilad as good a vacation spot as you can possibly hope for in a city like Jeddah — a place where you can spend your evenings or weekends in relaxed informality or rejuvenating activities. The moment your car approaches miles upon miles of secluded



and unpolluted beach, on your way to the hotel, you know that you are in for a comfortable, problem-free vacation, far away from the din and bustle of city life and free from all bothersome about business and other activities.

To be sure, all these services and amenities would not have added up to anything if Al Bilad has not brought in a new concept in its working. For one thing, Al Bilad does not subscribe to the view that a hotel should confine its interests and enthusiasm to the tourists and has nothing to do with the local community. With the happy result that the doors of the hotel's sporting resort and other centers of entertainment and leisure are widely open to those of the Jeddah people who yearn for simple relaxation or who want to take part in a wide variety of sport events or body-building activities. And many and varied are the opportunities it provides to the local people for diversion after a tiring and strenuous day or week.

First, the 25-meter swimming pool with lighting system and with surrounding sun deck. The pool is not the only avenue available for those who want to get fit and stay at that. Morning, noon, or night-something is always happening at Al Bilad sporting resort. In the morning, you can join Anton Good and other members of the staff for an informal run around the hotel's jogging course—an exercise that takes you through the greenery of the tropical garden before you head out along the beach. For those who are after more orderly types of exercises, there is a fully equipped gymnasium with its own sauna/massage area, all under trained staff.

Anton Good also mentioned the karate and gymnasium classes being run by the hotel. The course for which Glasgow-born Robert Wilson is responsible involve an hour and a half of karate lesson and half hour "work out" in the gym daily for three months. There is also a fully automatic bowling center with 20 alleys.

Another attraction is four outside tennis courts (two with floodlights) and three indoor squash halls with air conditioning. The first squash tournament was held in last August. The notice board in the game room, with notices from members inviting partners for tennis and squash etc., speaks more eloquently than all the publicity brochures put out by the hotel management of the feverish sports activity that is going on in the hotel.

According to the manager, the hotel also provides facilities for boating in the Red Sea, water-ski, deep sea fishing and snorkeling. All necessary equipment are provided on request. To stimulate and sustain interest in sports, a get-together is arranged every Thursday where the sports lovers can get to know each other and exchange views. There is also a plan to organize special talks by guest speakers on sports and screen sports films twice a week.

One added attraction as far as the ladies are concerned is the movement and music classes



Photographs by Giovanni Pasquale

conducted by Herma Good and Henna. Anton Good said all the classes are going very well. The response from the people has been very encouraging, he added.

As for restaurants, there are four from the boulevard cafe and terrace which remains open day and night to the bowl bite restaurant serving snacks and refreshments directly

at the bowling center. The hotel also provides banquet facilities for business meetings and family reunions.

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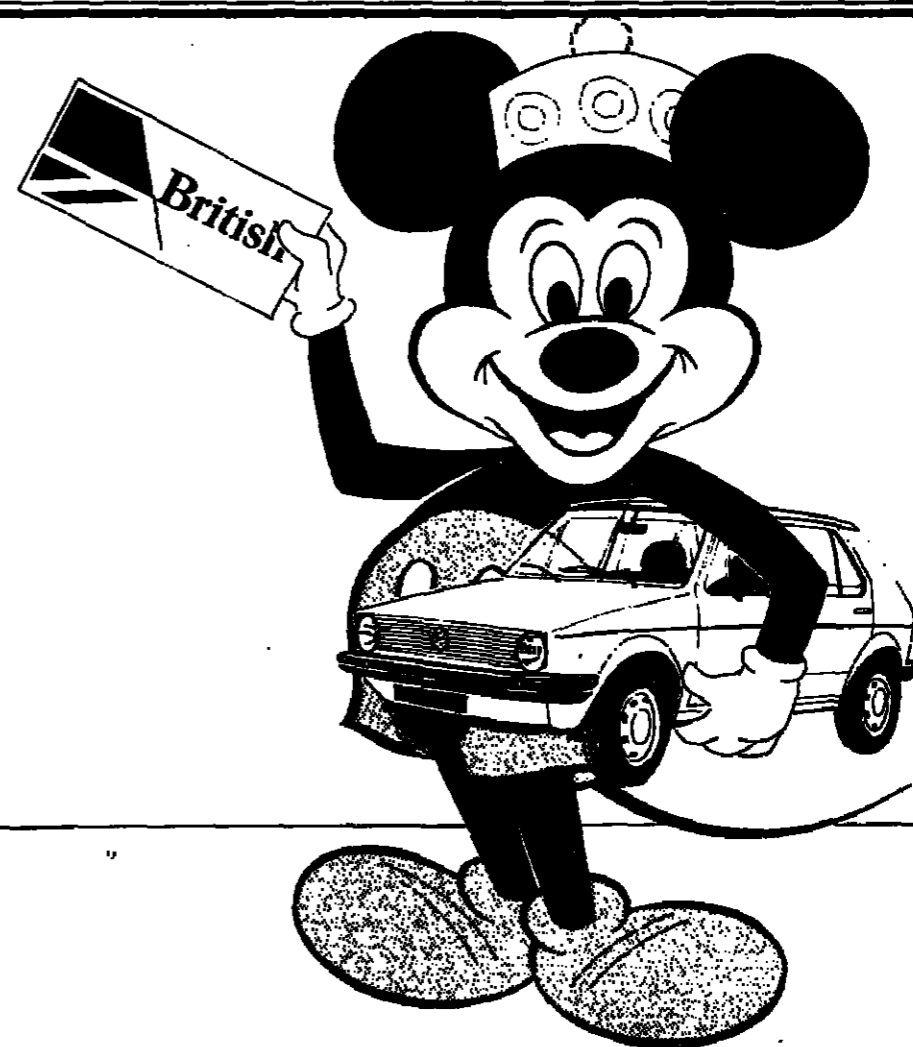
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## Addiction increase feared U.S. seeks help in fighting drug menace

By Razak Lee

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — The United States, deeply worried by the implications of a glut of heroin from Southeast Asia, is appealing to the world community to help it fight against illicit drugs.

U.S. narcotics officials who met in Kuala Lumpur this month for a three-day regional conference said they were unhappy that many nations regarded drug addiction as an American problem even though the menace was just as serious and as widespread in other countries. They were particularly concerned by the surplus of heroin from another bumper opium harvest, estimated at 600 tons, in the notorious "Golden Triangle" straddling the borders of Thailand, Laos and Burma.

Following a drought in the triangle in the late 1970s, the consuming markets in Western Europe and the United States have been dominated by heroin from the "Golden Crescent" states of Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan. The U.S. officials said a tremendous stockpile of "crescent" heroin could supply the street market for the next five or six years and the bumper crop in the triangle compounded the problem.

They said heroin prices were falling as "triangle" heroin fought with "crescent" one to regain its traditional markets while at the

same time seeking new and bigger ones in Asia, New Zealand and Australia. The United States sought more cooperation from governments in Asia to stop heroin reaching the black market by controlling the growing of opium and intensifying action against heroin traffickers and addicts, they said. According to their estimate, more than a third of the world's illicit opium and heroin originated in Southeast Asia.

Noting that the number of drug addicts in the United States was now increasing after stabilizing at about 400,000 for several years, they expressed the fear that there would be a rapid rise in addiction throughout the world. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) said that more than 200 kg of heroin worth about \$50 million bound for street markets in the United States, West Europe and Asia had been intercepted so far this year. Arrests for drug trafficking had been made in Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong and Australia.

Thailand and Burma recently launched military campaigns against opium warlord Chang Chee-Fu, also known as Khun Sa, who controls the "triangle" opium trade through the guerrilla Shan United Army. Burma, which has an estimated 100,000 drug addicts, destroyed more than 17,600 hectares of opium poppy plantations in the Shan states.

Malaysia and Singapore both have the death penalty for drug trafficking and set up a coordinating body this year to enable narcotics officers to operate across their common border. But the U.S. officials still feel the world community had not committed itself wholeheartedly to fight the drug problem.

The United Nations Narcotics Commission, facing mounting difficulties and frustrations in trying to control the illicit drugs market, urged the world body early this year to declare an international year against drug abuse. "So long as we still have addiction problems, we have not done enough to control the drug problem and we have a long way to go," Dominick Dicarilo, U.S. assistant secretary for international narcotics matters, told reporters in Kuala Lumpur.

U.S. narcotics officials said they estimated at least half a million people would be involved in the production of 60 to 90 tons of heroin, from the growing of the opium to its refining and distribution as heroin. "We are fighting a highly complex and sophisticated organization which has money and the latest communications equipment to move the illicit drug trade," one official told Reuters. He said the problem would not be solved merely by arresting heroin couriers.

The officials, citing the example of Thailand, said the biggest task was to stop opium

being grown. Thailand has adopted a United Nations 10-year program to substitute cash crops for opium, but the officials said it had so far failed to show any tangible results.

Narcotics officials in Malaysia and other Southeast Asian states, while noting the U.S. fears, say they see a contradiction in policy by some Western nations in the fight against illicit drugs. They point to the case of Beatrice Saubin, a French girl sentenced to death by the Malaysian high court this year for trafficking in heroin.

Her case received world prominence as the French press, regarding the death penalty as a violation of human rights, put pressure on Malaysia not to execute her. The sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment on appeal to the Malaysian federal court. Malaysian officials said the death sentence for drug traffickers was warranted to prevent drug syndicates finding couriers.

The United States has various penalties for drug offenses, including a 15-year maximum prison term for both drug trafficking and conspiracy to move illicit drugs. "But U.S. courts have in the past handed down light sentences of two or three years jail for drug offenses which do not reflect the administration's view of the seriousness of the drug problem," One Malaysian official said.

### Peking, Manila become transshipment centers

BANGKOK (AFP) — Communist China and the Philippines have become heroin transshipment centers, with routes fanning out to Europe, the United States and Australia, a U.S. Congressman told a news conference here Wednesday.

William Hughes, chairman of the U.S. House Subcommittee on Crime, said a crackdown in Thailand, generally considered the region's major drug transit point, had forced traffickers to diversify their outlets.

Hughes said heroin was being routed through China because screening procedures were more lax there, while the Philippines was a "natural transshipment area" because of a new airport in Manila. The drugs reached China by courier from Hong Kong as well as possibly through the Shan states of eastern Burma into the southern province of Yunnan, the congressman said, quoting U.S. intelligence reports.

Hughes, who met Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua last week in Peking, said the latter had indicated an awareness of the problem and plans to step up anti-smuggling efforts. Peking was also moving to prevent crooked chemists from obtaining in southern China the special chemicals needed to refine heroin from opium, he quoted Huang as saying.

## Another Look

### Test for U.N. presidents

By Robert Yoakum

It got lost in the deluge of election news, and also in my files, but I'd like to go back a little more than a month to a speech by Imre Hollai of Hungary, this year's president of the United Nations General Assembly.

In that speech Mr. Hollai expressed shock over killings in Lebanon, and said that compared to them "the killings in Afghanistan are largely exaggerated."

He also expressed concern over "mass violations" of human rights, but mentioned only South Africa and Cuba in that connection, not Poland, Iran, Cuba, Libya, Czechoslovakia, or, of course, the Soviet Union.

As the *New York Times* pointed out, "it was unusual for the president of the General Assembly to voice such a position publicly. The president is supposed to work in a fashion that does not reflect any nation's policy."

After reading that news story it occurred to me that a test should be devised for all candidates who aspire to the G.A. presidency. Every candidate will bring to the U.N. some of the prejudices and biases of his country, of course, but there should be a limit — and how better to determine that limit than by giving all potential presidents an examination? After all, if one can't tell a chicken from a duck, one shouldn't go into the poultry business.

The examination should be fair. The following one, for example, might eliminate some Americans as well as ambassadors of other countries:

1. The word "invasion" is defined in Webster's dictionary as "an entering or being entered by an attacking military force." Please write "true" or "false" after the following statements:

- The Soviet Union invaded Hungary in 1956 and Afghanistan in 1979.
- Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982.
- North Korea invaded South Korea in 1950.
- Germany invaded Poland in 1939.
- The United States invaded Cambodia in 1970.
- Soviet troops in Afghanistan are fighting against and have killed thousands of:

a. Albanians.

- Argentines.
- Angolans.
- Americans.
- Afghans.

3. If the expression "human rights" is used to mean the rights of humans to express themselves openly on all subjects, be free of police harassment or secret surveillance, vote for political parties of their choice, form independent trade unions, travel freely, enjoy open and fair trials, and tell politicians to go to hell if it suits their mood, how would you categorize Poland with respect to such rights?

a. In excellent shape. Right up near the top.

b. Some restrictions, but nothing to worry about.

c. Several rights quite limited, but it could be worse.

d. It could be worse, but only in the USSR or Albania.

4. How would you categorize Guatemala with respect to such rights? (Use same lettered answers as above.)

5. How would you describe the political/economic system of your country?

a. Perfect.

b. Good, but could use improvement.

c. As fouled up as in most other countries.

6. The main value of the United Nations is:

a. As a place where disputes between nations can be mediated and where international cooperation can be strengthened.

b. As a place where one can sing the praises of one's own country and verbally bludgeon countries considered to be unfriendly.

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ANSWERS: (1) All true, but in each instance the leaders of the invading nation said that it wasn't an invasion. For example, in 1970, at the time of the invasion of Cambodia, President Nixon said, "This is not an invasion of Cambodia." In 1979, when Soviet troops poured into Afghanistan, the Kremlin said the move was "a military intervention in response to a request for assistance against the provocations of external enemies." In 1982, Prime Minister Begin said of Israel's massive drive into Lebanon, "Israel did not invade any country."

2. (c); 3. (d); 4. (d); 5. (b) or (c); 6. (a).

### TREATING GOUT



## STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J.

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M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: When you're in pain, it's understandable that the patient may temporarily lose confidence in his/her doctor. We've had the same family doctor since I was a youngster. We've always liked and believed in him.

Since I've grown older, and lately become a victim of gouty attacks, I've been wondering if he's too old-fashioned to treat my condition. I've been having the typical attacks in my great toe. They seem to be coming more often. At first, I used to treat the attacks with aspirin with little improvement. Not until the doctor diagnosed gout, did I realize I had more than simple "rheumatism."

My question is this: Is my doctor using the correct, up-to-date treatment? All he prescribes for me during and after the attack is colchicine pills. I've learned subsequently that this has been the treatment for gouty attacks for many, many years. In addition, he advises that I shouldn't eat liver and organ foods. Is this sufficient treatment? I've been hearing there are many new drugs that work better for gout. — Mr. F.

Dear Mr. F.: I'd need to know how often you've been having attacks, how long they last, and how often they recur — before I could evaluate how well the colchicine is working for you. You may be surprised and happy to learn that colchicine — as old a remedy as it is — is still being prescribed and preferred by some of the finest rheumatologists. Especially valuable in the acute attack of inflammation, it is also used to be taken daily to prevent future attacks. During the acute attack, pills are taken at hourly intervals until there's favorable response. For some patients, relief follows after only six pills have been taken. In others, gastrointestinal side effects do not

appear until at least 10 pills have been taken (one each hour). Thereafter, one to three pills taken daily may prevent further attacks.

There are other choices — new medications. Mr. F., especially for those who can't take colchicine treatment. Such medicines as indomethacin, Phenylbutazone, corticosteroids, allopurinol, probenecid — and others. The choice will depend upon how much urates there are in the blood and joints and other factors.

Talk it over with your doctor. If you still question his ability and procedures used, ask for consultation with a rheumatologist.

#### MEDICALLETTERS

(Replies to and from readers)

For Mrs. U.: There are two points you should know about in managing your hypertension. One, that pressure often drops without medication if the patients who is markedly overweight (as you are) loses. Two, that if you're genetically predisposed to high blood pressure, salt is your enemy. In some societies studied where no salt is added to food, there's little or no hypertension. While I'm about it, I'll add a third: psychological stress raises blood pressure. If possible, live in less tension. Mrs. U. \*\*\*

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I have a friend who sighs a lot — deep, deep sighs — and is very anxious and nervous. I have tried to get her to go to a doctor, but she refuses. Any advice? — Mrs. T.

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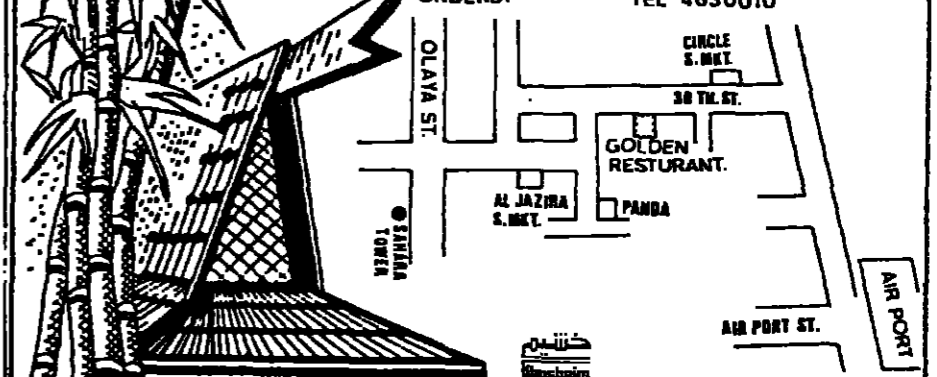
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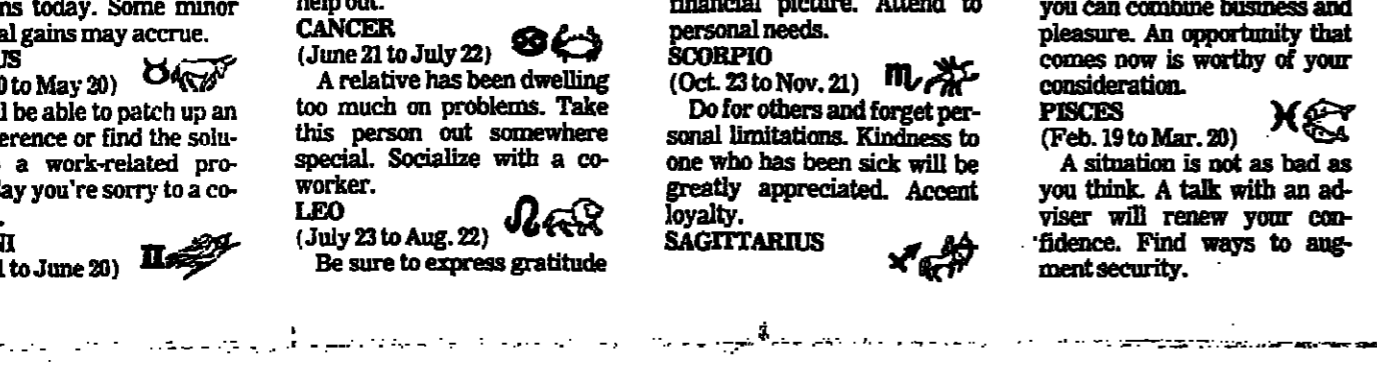
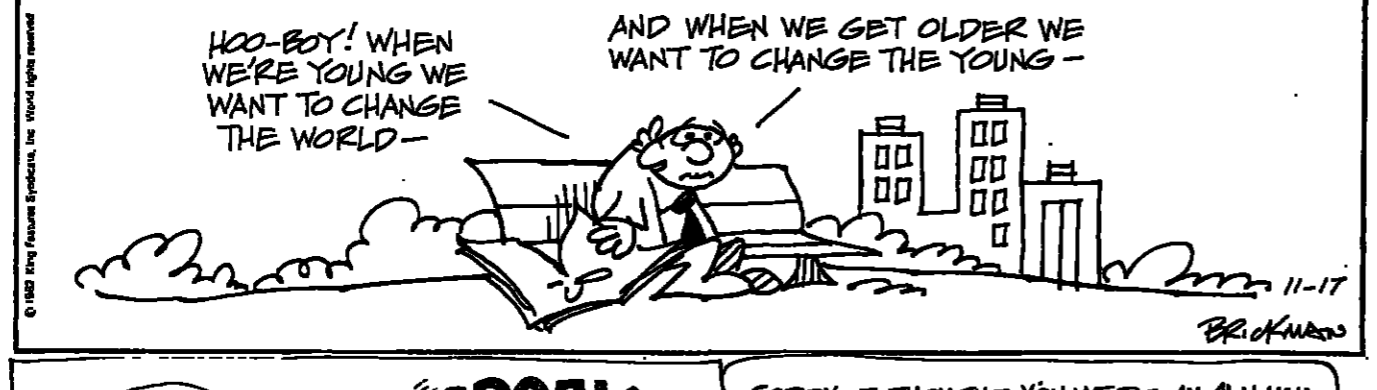
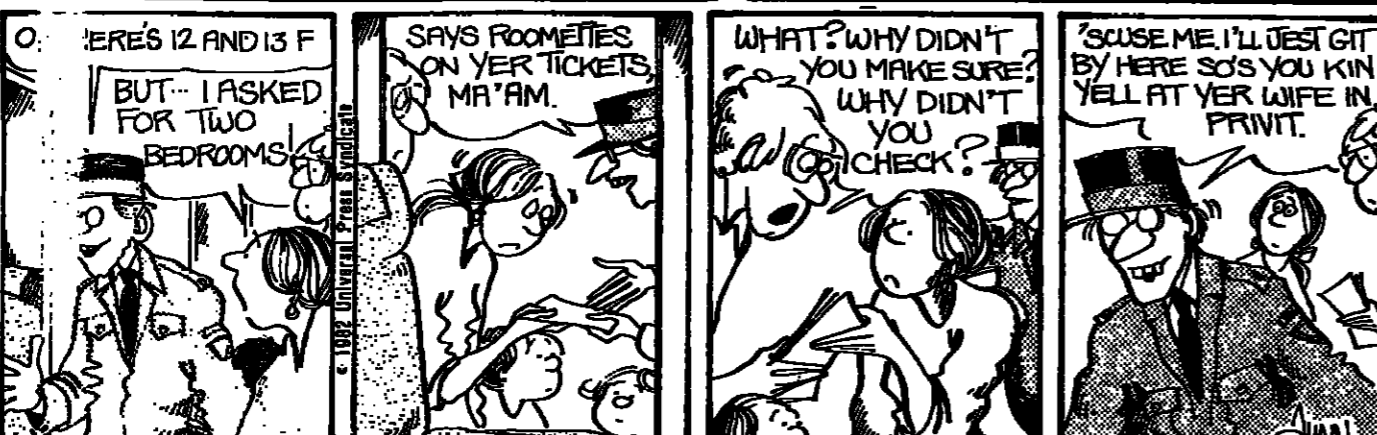
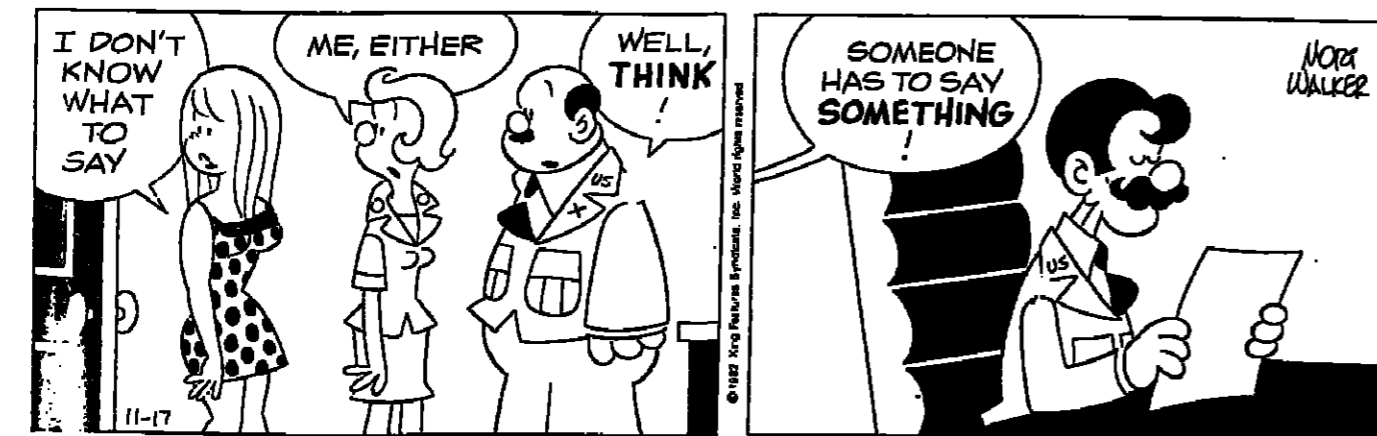
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12:00 Opening Ceremonies	12:00 News	12:00 News
12:30 Family Program	12:30 News	12:30 News
13:00 Children's Series (Dubbed)	13:00 News	13:00 News
13:30 Arabic Series	13:30 News	13:30 News
14:00 Children's Series	14:00 News	14:00 News
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21:30 Arabic Series	21:30 News	21:30 News
22:00 Children's Series	22:00 News	22:00 News
22:30 Arabic Series	22:30 News	22:30 News
23:00 Children's Series	23:00 News	23:00 News
23:30 Arabic Series	23:30 News	23:30 News
24:00 Children's Series	24:00 News	24:00 News
24:30 Arabic Series	24:30 News	24:30 News

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# Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 4 Carry on

1 Not here

6 Fundamental

11 Golfing great

12 Fragrance

13 Charming

15 George's

16 "Clear

17 File

19 Soft color

23 Togo's

27 Leading

28 Reef

29 TV's Jack

30 line

31 Algerian

33 Distaff

35 Agreed

41 All the way

43 Ninny

44 Michaelangelo

work

15 Actress

Grimes

46 More control-

DOWN

1 Thump

2 U.S.O. enter-

tainer

3 Actor,

Richard

4 Carry on

5 Put up with

6 College in

Maine

7 Doyle, to

his friends?

8 London dis-

trict

9 Last word

10 Monk

14 Soviet

inland sea

18 Conspire

26 Slippery

38 Per

19 Favors

28 Idea

30 Grafted

(Her.)

20 Mariner's

composer

40 Expensive

32 Shabby

42 Name, in

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33 Redact

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# DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXE

is LONG FELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is

used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters,

apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all

hints. Each day the code letters are different.

## CRYPTOQUOTES

SMG BMNZV TU EGBZ LTEUPMD

UM BVV AXTU BTMCKLEUS

VZTV - LTRX XMGSMU

Yesterday's Cryptquote: ORIGINALITY CONSISTS IN

THINKING FOR YOURSELF, AND NOT IN THINKING

UNLIKE OTHER PEOPLE - SIR J. FITZJAMES STEPHEN

## Contract Bridge

B. Jay and Steve Becker

## The Delicate Art of Discovery

North dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ K105

♥ KQ93

♦ 62

♣ AQ94

WEST

♠ Q8762

♥ J983

♦ 10752

EAST

♠ 4

♥ 865

♦ AQ1074

♣ KJ83

SOUTH

♠ AJ93

♥ AJ10742

♦ K5

♣ 6

West

♠ Q876

East

♠ 4

South

♠ AJ93

It is not really difficult for

South to guess which way to

take the spade finesse. Having

forced East-West to reveal

their club holdings, he learned

that the enemy each started

with four clubs.

East had earlier disclosed

he held all three missing

trumps, and the bidding and

play had also revealed that

East started with either five

or six diamonds originally. It

followed, therefore, that East

had at most one spade. Accord-

ingly, South cashed the ace of

spades and then finessed the

ten of spades to bring home

the slam.

Declarer sees that the slam

is ice-cold if he guesses which

way to take the spade finesse.

He therefore initiates a cam-

paign to try to discover which

defender has the missing

queen of spades. In line with

that, he leads a trump to the

nine. West showing out

cashes the ace of clubs, and

ruffs a club.

South next plays a trump to

the queen and ruffs the nine of